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Mr Sadat goes into isolation to consider his next moves

President Sadat cancelled all appointments and went into seclusion as the Israeli-Egyptian negotiators prepared to face each other in Jerusalem today in an atmosphere heavy with mistrust. The Egyptian leader's sudden withdrawal recalled similar retreats prior to important decision such as the 1973 thrust across the Suez Canal and the present peace initiative.

Mood of mistrust at Jerusalem talks

Cairo, Jan 16.—President Sadat went into sudden seclusion today to assess the souring Middle East peace efforts. Two days after the Egyptian leader suggested that a deadlock in the negotiations raised the possibility of his resignation—or of fresh fighting—a government spokesman issued a brief statement saying he had cancelled all appointments for 10 days and would refuse to see anybody during this period.

"The President will study various aspects of the Middle East problem", the spokesman said.

President Sadat, usually gregarious, has always sought seclusion before big policy moves, notably on the eve of his 1973 military thrust across the Suez Canal and his surprise peace visit to Israel last November.

Diplomats said Mr Sadat had accepted a United States compromise on the agenda for the Jerusalem peace talks though this failed to meet Egypt's demands to place the onus on Israel should the talks fail. Pessimistic about the conference's chances of success, he nevertheless went ahead with the vaguely-worded American formula to show that he had made all the concessions he could, the diplomats said.—UPI.

Michael Knipe writes from Jerusalem: Like boxers sparring in their corners before a championship fight, the Israeli and Egyptian delegations flexed their negotiating muscles with some intransigent-sounding comments today on the eve of the joint political negotiations aimed at reaching a Middle East peace.

Mr Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said Israel would take neither dictation nor ultimatum from anybody. "Egypt cannot hold a pistol to our head and threaten to walk out if Israel refused to do her biddings", he told reporters.

From the opposition corner at the Hilton Hotel, the conference venue, came accusations that Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, had retracted a promise to evacuate the whole of Sinai. "President Sadat spoke to Begin with flowers and got a wreath of thorns in reply", one of the Cairo delegation said.

There have been rumblings about resignations from both leaders. Mr Begin told a group of United States congressmen that he would rather resign than give up the Israeli settlements at Rafiah in occupied northern Sinai. He said that any Israeli Prime Minister who gave up those settlements would be thrown out "but I would resign before that".

Meanwhile the Jerusalem Arabic newspaper *Al Shaab*, claimed that President Sadat had made another threat to resign if the talks failed.

Mixed with relief that the deliberations appear set fair to begin tomorrow morning—a day later than planned—the atmosphere here is heavy with mistrust.

Mr Vance, the United States Secretary of State, who will be active as referee, arrived tonight with apprehension high among Israelis that he will unduly favour the Egyptians.

In Israeli circles, the United States is being accused of playing the part of muscleman, and picking unfairly on Israel. The feeling is that the Carter Administration's stand is closer to that of the Egyptians than the Israelis, particularly over the settlements and Palestinian issues. And there are fears that Washington will exert further pressure on the Israelis over more substantive issues than the agenda.

There are three items on the agenda as it has been finally agreed.

The first calls for a declaration of principles that would govern the negotiation of a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement. Both Israel and Egypt have agreed on that wording; but there are differences on the second item.

The Israeli version refers to "guidelines for negotiations relating to the issues of Judea, Samaria and Gaza", while the Egyptian version uses the term "West Bank and Gaza". To the satisfaction of the Israelis there is no specific mention of Palestinians.

The third item refers to the elements of a peace treaty to be negotiated between Israel and its neighbours in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Resolution 242.

Mr Dayan, who had a working lunch today with Mr Kamal, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, has expressed satisfaction with the agenda, saying it is in line with Israel's positions. He maintained that Israel had not made any big concessions.

He admitted it was only after the United States had made several proposals that agreement on the agenda was reached, but denied the generally accepted impression that there was any pressure on Israel.

It was at his suggestion, he said, that Mr Vance postponed his arrival until the agenda issue was settled. The Foreign Minister said he saw three big problems. They were mainly military issues, and the question of Israeli settlements as well as the content of the peace treaty.

Mr Dayan said Egypt had proposed five clauses for discussion—an end to Israel conquest; a principle of mutuality between the two countries, demilitarized zones on both sides of the border, the right of every state in the area to live in peace and security, a just settlement for the Palestinians on the basis of self-determination, and an end to the state of belligerency.

Husain criticises: In a live interview from Amman on French television, King Husain of Jordan said: "We are at an extremely dangerous and crucial moment in the very brave and courageous initiative of President Sadat. This initiative has not been responded to by the Government and Prime Minister of Israel." The decisive phase was about to commence, he thought.

Carter letter: After talks with Mr Vance for 90 minutes today, Mr Begin said: "Thank God, everything is all right and positive." He described a letter from Mr Carter given to him by Mr Vance as "one of the most heartwarming messages I got from the President."—UPI.

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Homeless: an evicted woman leaves her flattened shanty near Cape Town yesterday.

Police jeer as shanties are bulldozed

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 16

Young white policemen chanted "Unibell is burning" as a huge bulldozer today began tearing apart the shanty-town homes of 10,000 Africans a few miles from Cape Town.

The chant stopped almost as soon as it began when a crowd of angry Africans started to menace the policemen. Tonight at the Unibell camp on the desolate Cape Flats the mood was still tense and angry as homeless Africans, their belongings tied in plastic bags, huddled at the camp's edge.

Tomorrow the yellow bulldozer will be back to continue the demolition. Today about 100 corrugated iron, timber and cardboard shacks were demolished. About 20 others were set alight by irate Africans.

Cape Bantu administration officials warned the Unibell squatters last week that demolition was imminent but gave no date. The job began without warning.

Most of the Africans are from the Xhosa tribe and are officially citizens of Transkei, South Africa's "independent" bantustan. The Transkei Government through Professor Mlaheni Njisane, its Ambassador in Pretoria, claims the demolition is a breach of an agreement reached in talks last month with the South African Government.

It claims it was agreed there would be no demolition unless people had been offered alternative accommodation or helped to return to Transkei.

Tonight Archbishop Burnett of Cape Town appealed to the Cabinet to intervene to stop further demolition until alternative accommodation was available.

He said the destruction at Unibell had the potential for star tragedy. "Those who live there belong to a people which is tired of being discriminated against and pushed around. Indications are that they are determined to be pushed no further", he said.

British Steel expects to lose £520m, Mr Varley discloses

By Peter Hill and Michael Hatfield

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, startled the Commons yesterday by telling MPs that British Steel expects to lose £520m in its present financial year. That is equivalent to a loss of £2,500 for every person it employs.

Even that projection is not regarded as firm, according to Mr Varley, for in his statement to the Commons he noted that the estimate contained a remaining contingency provision of £50m.

Even assuming that the ailing British Steel Corporation could contain its losses and had no need to use the contingency fund, the resulting £470m loss would represent a loss of £2,260 for each of the corporation's 208,000 employees, or £3,467 for each manual worker.

Mr Varley's statement to Parliament comes after controversy in the wake of the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries' investigation into the British Steel Corporation's affairs and disclosures in *The Times* at the weekend that the corporation had submitted details of estimated losses to ministers as long ago as last April.

The select committee, in its report, criticized the corporation's forecasting abilities and sought a ruling from the Speaker of the House to have documents that passed between the Secretary of State and Sir Charles Villiers, BSC chairman, made available for its scrutiny.

Mr Varley volunteered yesterday to attend another meeting of the select committee but the offer may not be as simple as it seems.

Labour backbench members of the committee are annoyed at the belligerent attitude of Mr Varley in the Commons and may hold back the invitation.

The committee is to meet this afternoon to decide its next move. Some members believe it should stick to its guns and demand production of the documents before asking Mr Varley to face further questioning.

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Varley was asked what view he took of Sir Charles's position at the BSC. He said: "I must say that I have full confidence in Sir Charles Villiers and in his dealings with the select committee." Asked whether there was any question of Sir Charles being dismissed or asked to resign, he replied: "I have complete confidence in Sir Charles Villiers."

It seems that the scale of the expected loss for the financial year ending in March, remains as uncertain as ever.

Mr Varley said in his Commons statement: "I would emphasize that, even at this stage in the financial year the estimate is subject to considerable uncertainties as regards, for example, sales, realized prices and industrial relations in the steel industry and elsewhere."

In its final annual operating plan, submitted to the Department of Industry last April, the BSC projected a loss of £350m. Later, in a report submitted to the BSC board meeting on July 28 by Mr Robert Scholey, its chief executive, it projected a loss of £466m. Sir Charles has since said that those were projections contained in working documents and were regarded as unacceptable and not firm forecasts. Ironically, however, if the steel market is stabilized and further corrective action is taken, the eventual outturn might be close to the July projection.

Mr Varley told MPs yesterday that at no time had he or his officials been discourteous to the select committee. At no time had he been asked to put to the select committee papers regarding the financial returns of the corporation, he said.

He had appeared at a session in April but had not been called because the committee failed to raise a quorum. He was later asked to reply to written questions although none of them referred to the BSC's finances. He said the normal monitoring arrangements and procedures of the Department of Industry on the BSC had been fully met.

"Assuming we had taken action on the basis of financial information coming into the Department of Industry in the summer it would have been regarded as premature." He added that precipitate action in closing plants with consequent redundancies would have led to chaos in the BSC and widespread industrial action.

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Gin and tonic research reveals pub lunch peril

By Hugh Clayton

Experiments with gin and tonic at Surrey University have shown that it is not necessary to drink heavily to acquire a hangover. It can be done just as readily by drinking a little and eating plenty of starchy, sweet food.

The dissection and analysis of the public house lunch, led at Surrey by Professor Vincent Marks, was reported yesterday in the latest bulletin of the British Nutrition Foundation.

Office workers whose afternoons degenerate into gloom and headaches after long sessions at crowded bars probably think they are suffering from hangovers. What they really have, in the words of the foundation, is a "nutritionally self-induced type of cerebral malfunction".

That complicated sounding condition can be induced through a disease with the alarming name of hypoglycaemia. The conditions can be demonstrated with equal ease in everyday or laboratory conditions by inflicting several alcoholic drinks on an empty stomach.

The resulting symptoms, easily recognizable by hurried executives, are listed in the foundation's bulletin as "a sense of undue fatigue, lack of concentration, an increasing tendency to errors of judgment, headache, inner trembling and a feeling of anxiety".

Controlled research showed conclusively that such symptoms were liable to develop at about half-past-four after a heavy public house lunch. The achievement of Professor Marks and his team of volunteers is to show that the interaction of alcohol in gin and sugar in tonic and biscuits can produce the same result in a meal of a few drinks and plenty of food.

Professor Marks began his work with pure solutions of glucose. Moderate levels of alcohol activated the insulin-releasing properties of the glucose so that the proportion of sugar in the blood was sharply reduced.

Scientific opinion was sceptical of results produced in conditions so remote from everyday reality. Professor Marks therefore moved on to gin. He found that gin and tonic produced a far lower glucose level in the blood than gin and a slimmer's drink with the sugar of the tonic replaced by an artificial sweetener.

"We shall obviously be going on to beer", Professor Marks said. He added that he had no shortage of volunteers.

A mixture of alcohol and carbohydrate foods like refined flour can have the same effect. Professor Marks believes that a little beer and several rolls will prove to have the same painful hypoglycaemic properties.

The foundation called it "a particularly malign form of reactive hypoglycaemia". Miss Elizabeth Morse, the organization's scientific officer, said it could be avoided by eating high-protein foods like peanuts and cheese.

First quarterly trade surplus since 1971

By Caroline Atkinson
Economics Staff

Britain's trade account slipped back into the red last month. However, the trade surpluses notched up in the previous two months outweighed December's £80m deficit, leaving the visible trade balance in surplus for the fourth quarter as a whole. This is the first quarter since 1971 where exports have exceeded imports.

For 1977 as a whole Britain's current account, which includes visible and invisible trade, was estimated to be in the black by £59m. This makes last year the first since the oil price rise of 1973, when Britain's current payments have been in surplus.

North Sea oil is mainly responsible for the turnround in Britain's external position, and is estimated to have improved the trade balance by £2,400m last year. Some of this however is offset by the profits due abroad to foreign investors in the North Sea.

A much larger balance of payments surplus is expected for this year as North Sea oil production builds up. The latest official forecasts, which are below most other estimates, are for a current account surplus of £1,500m in 1978.

However, there is considerable concern about the level of imports, and the way that these have risen over the last year despite the slackness of the economy. Whitehall fears that the North Sea oil induced payments surplus may be quickly eroded by increased imports unmatched by rising exports.

During December the usual surplus on invisible trade, which includes earnings from tourism and other services and profits from overseas investment, offset the visible deficit. The current account was thus in surplus by £65m during the month.

A sharp rise in the volume of crude oil imports was one factor behind the deterioration in the trade balance last month. Oil imports had fallen back unexpectedly in November, and then rebounded last month. Another special factor was a fall off in exports of precious stones.

On the plus side there was an improvement on shipping trade and on trade in oil installation equipment. The overall adverse effect of the special factors identified is estimated at £167m. This compares with a deterioration of £152m from the November trade surplus of £72m.

One other reason for erratic trade figures in November and December was the dock strike on the east coast of the United States. This contributed to a drop in both imports and exports in November and a rise in both last month.

However, while the level of British exports to the United States was back on trend in December, imports were still a little below the levels earlier in the year. This suggests that they could have further to rebound.

A worrying trend is shown in the underlying trade figures of manufactured goods. British imports of finished manufactures rose by 2.2 per cent by volume in the last three months of last year, while exports of manufactures dropped in volume by 5.1 per cent. Over the year as a whole such imports were 13.8 per cent higher than in 1976.

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No quick solution to Italian crisis

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Jan 16

Signor Giulio Andreotti today rounded off the first experiment by any Christian Democrat in leading an administration which had the formal and official collaboration of the Communists. He resigned after 18 months in office.

He explained to his last Cabinet meeting this morning that three of the parties on which the minority Christian Democrat Government had depended in Parliament had withdrawn their support. They were the Communists, the Socialists and the Republicans, all of which now claim to be pursuing the aim of an emergency government with the Communists as equal partners.

None of this was news to Signor Andreotti's colleagues, who inevitably accepted the end of a controversial administration, sixth in the order of longevity among the 39 governments since the fall of fascism, and Signor Andreotti's third.

The Prime Minister then drove up the Quirinal Hill to announce his decision to President Leone who, as normal practice demands, took note of it and asked Signor Andreotti to continue handling normal business until another government had been formed.

The President will begin his consultation with political leaders tomorrow evening and is expected to announce the next step by the end of the week. It is regarded as certain that he will first ask Signor Andreotti to try to put a new government together.

This in no way means that Signor Andreotti can expect to be forming his fourth administration by the weekend. He will first have to make his own protracted soundings and then return to the President to announce whether or not he is in a position to lead a new government. The situation is too confused to allow any guesses on his chances of success.

His own party is united at least on the point that it will not share government with the Communists. Faced with this blank refusal, the Communists must now decide what price to exact for their future support.

The puzzle to be solved is how to find a solution which the Communists can show as a notable advance, the Christian Democrats demonstrate not to be, and the country feels that it has a government strong enough to deal with its economic and social problems.

Most estimates are that the negotiations will be long and difficult, which is no promising prospect given the urgent problems facing the country. Not least of these is the increase in violence in general, and politically inspired violence in particular.

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Bombs at show

Brussels, Jan 16.—Five firebombs were discovered under the bonnets of five Citroen cars on display at the Brussels Motor Show yesterday.

Uneasy peace as firemen return to their stations

By Christopher Thomas and Robert Parker

The firemen went back to work yesterday in an atmosphere that could at best be described as uneasy. It became clear that there will be long-term consequences for working relationships in the fire service.

In London there was relief at being in work again mixed with bitterness at the circumstances of the pay strike settlement. Everyone arrived for work but the 40 men at Chelsea fire station were deemed by their employers to be still on strike after they had refused to talk to their station commander, who had not joined the strike.

Hertfordshire's firemen's response to the non-strikers was typical of many brigades. Mr Dudley Baggs, county secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, said the service could do nothing about how the "strike-breakers" were treated during rest periods despite the no-victimization agreement.

"They will be sent to Coventry and find no food has been cooked for them", he said. "Bitterness is rife among those who stayed out and life is going to be uncomfortable for them."

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Russia returns cosmonauts safely to Earth

Moscow, Jan 16.—Two Soviet cosmonauts returned to Earth aboard a Soyuz ferry vehicle after five days on board a Salyut orbiting space station with two of their comrades.

Colonel Vladimir Dzhanibekov and Mr Oleg Makarov, who last Wednesday completed the world's first double docking in space, by linking up their Soyuz 27 with Salyut 6, touched down in Central Asia according to plan, Tass news agency said.

The two cosmonauts, reported to be in good health, flew back in the Soyuz 26 craft which took Lieutenant-Colonel Yury Romanenko and Mr Georgy Grechko to the orbiting station on December 11.

Colonel Romanenko and Mr Grechko are apparently heading for a long stay in space.

Washington: The space agency today announced the selection of 35 new astronauts, including the first six women and the first three blacks, in America's space corps.

The new list breaks sex and race barriers that have existed since the first Mercury astronauts were selected in 1959.—Reuter and UPI.

Yorkshire pits vote for output pacts

Yorkshire miners decided by 26,451 votes to 15,681 in favour of local productivity agreements. Their acceptance, against the advice of Mr Arthur Scargill, immeasurably improves the chances of the Government's pay policy holding through the winter (our Labour Editor writes). South Wales miners, for instance, are likely to abandon pay militancy. But shop stewards in the power supply industry voted to support any industrial action for higher increases

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Irish archbishop is criticized

Remarks by the Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, Dr O. Fiaich, supporting the recent call by Mr Lynch, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, for a British declaration of intent to withdraw from Northern Ireland have been criticized by Unionists and Westminster MPs alike

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Leyland union anger

Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland chairman, faced anger, hostility and suspicion when he met union leaders to outline his reorganization plans for the cars division, which would involve the loss of 12,000 jobs by the end of the year. Mr Edwardes is to meet the Prime Minister soon

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Signs of sales boom

The first hard evidence that there is a boom in consumer spending on the way came with publication of provisional figures showing a rise of more than 3 per cent in retail sales during December, the first significant rise in four years

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Profit-sharing plan

Mr Healey will almost certainly reveal plans in his spring Budget for a new profit-sharing scheme which would allow millions of employees the opportunity to buy shares in their companies

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Mr Foot's damages

Mr Foot, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, has received undisclosed damages in settlement of a libel action over a *Daily Mail* article alleging that he had private treatment as a National Health Service patient Law Report, page 10

Ecuador arrests

Several politicians in Ecuador, including Señor Assad Bucaram, the populist leader, who is considered favourite, to win the next presidential election, have been arrested by the military Government

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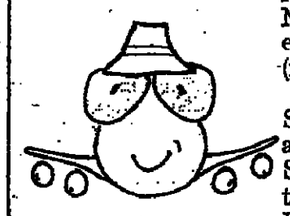
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HOME NEWS

Government's hopes for pay policy rise steeply after Yorkshire miners vote 2 to 1 for incentive deals

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The chance of the Government's policy holding through the winter bargaining season improved immeasurably yesterday when a ballot result showed militant Yorkshire miners nearly two to one in favour of pit productivity deals rather than industrial action.

A secret pithead vote of the men went 26,451 (63 per cent) to 15,681 (37 per cent) against the advice of Mr Arthur Scargill, their left-wing president, who supported action in support of a claim that would have brought the National Union of Mineworkers into conflict with the Cabinet's limit of a tenth on overall earnings rises. South Wales miners, the last pocket of resistance to local pay incentives, are now likely to abandon wage militancy.

Shortly after the ballot result had been made known shop stewards in the power supply industry belonging to the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) voted unanimously to support their national executive in any industrial action that might be taken in support of their claim for rises well in excess of the Cabinet's limit. But informed sources suggest that there is little stomach for a fight.

The EETPU is only one of four unions in the electricity industry, and it will consult the others before reopening talks with the Electricity Council on the joint claim. In the wake of the firemen's defeat and the miners' acceptance of pit incentives, the power workers are looking to productivity bargaining rather than a straight contest over basic rates as a solution to their pay aspirations.



Mr Scargill announcing his members' vote yesterday.

Mr Scargill said after the Yorkshire miners' vote had been disclosed that "one of the most fundamental principles has been sacrificed to sustain a Labour government".

That principle was equal pay for the same job throughout the coal industry, for which the NUM had campaigned over many a year and has now, in part at least, forsaken. Face men will earn different weekly wages based on their output, and the pay of other workers underground and those on the surface will be geared to their performance.

The basic rate will still form the bulk of their pay, however, and the union is still technically committed to a claim for £135 a week at the face, a rise of nine tenths, from March 1. The matter has yet to be resolved. Negotiations with the National Coal Board resume on February 2.

Mr Scargill said: "The claim for £135 a week for face workers with appropriate differentials must be pressed immediately, although I am convinced that there are those in our union who will be prepared to accept government policy and, as a consequence, 10 per cent."

His conviction is not likely to be far misplaced. Loyalty to the Government played a large part in the decision of the moderate-dominated executive of the NUM to set aside a national ballot of the men that narrowly rejected pit incentives last October. After a High Court case brought by the Yorkshire coalfield president the union's areas were allowed to negotiate their own productivity deals.

Building society man jailed for six years

From Our Correspondent
Leeds

William Robinson, aged 72, the former general manager of Wakefield Building Society, was sentenced at Leeds Crown Court yesterday to six years' imprisonment for defrauding the society over thirty years.

Frauds by Mr Robinson, who earned £9,700 a year, totalled almost £250,000 and cost the society £600,000 it was stated.

Mr Robinson, who served the society for 51 years before being dismissed in June, 1976, averaged £10,000 a year from his frauds and spent much of the money gambling, Mr John Hitchen, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Justice Milmo told Mr Robinson, now living in a housing association flat at Otley, near Leeds: "Instead of protecting the property of those who employed you, you have deprived them of it. I have to remember that for half your life you have been pursuing a criminal career and living on the proceeds of crime."

He also made a criminal bankruptcy order in the sum of £100,000.

Mr Robinson pleaded guilty to 19 specimen charges of theft, forgery, obtaining property by deception, false accounting, perjury and uttering a forged document.

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the defence, said Mr Robinson had not corrupted anyone else and for the most part his dishonesty had not been on small investors. The main loss had fallen on the society.

Det Chief Inspector William Little, head of West Yorkshire fraud squad, said Mr Robinson had taken full responsibility and had not sought to blame others, including John Poulson, who was a director of the society.

Mr Hitchen said Mr Robinson's system had been to create bogus accounts either to steal money or to repay thefts. The accounts were opened in the names of relatives and friends and by using the society's green ledger, over which he had complete control. Staff did not question entries. Ordinary ledgers were under staff control.

Mr Hitchen said Mr Robinson began his dishonesty in 1946 after 11 years as society secretary. After a lull of several years he resumed his frauds on a grand scale in 1967 and continued until he was dismissed. He became general manager in 1949.

Counsel said there were 403 occasions on which either money was stolen or a cheque was obtained dishonestly. The total sum obtained was £134,850, worth, with interest to the society, a total of £245,224.

From 1949, Mr Hitchen continued, Mr Robinson, a Methodist lay preacher and charity worker, cost the society £600,000 by his thefts and amounts he advanced on the estate of his predecessor and friend, Mr George Jackson, who died owing the society £250,000.

When it came to annual audit it was said that Mr Robinson would either produce false deeds as security or give false explanations about their absence. Mr Hitchen said that in 1976 Mr Robinson came within an ace of getting that year's accounts passed and it was in no small measure due to his successor, Mr Tom Taylor, an honest and determined man, that the matters came to light.

Mr Robinson, now living on a £3,100 a year society pension, plus a state pension, had since sold his house and repaid legitimate accounts, which left him with £4,000. The court was told that there was no evidence that he had salted money away.

Prison drug smuggling disclosed by doctor

By a Staff Reporter

A prisoner being treated for heroin addiction at Brixton prison, London, died after an overdose of LSD, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Dr M. G. Mansuri, a former Brixton medical officer, said the drug appeared to have been smuggled to the man during an open visit. He said he had been told by a senior prison department medical officer not to say or do anything about the incident.

Dr Mansuri believed the reason was that the case conflicted with the newly introduced Home Office policy of open visiting, in which contact was allowed between visitors and inmates.

Dr Mansuri, of Upper Norwood, London, who is seeking a declaration of unfair dismissal against the Home Office, said the death of Victor Barlow, the prisoner, occurred in June, 1974. He knew of other cases in which inmates had been brought to the prison hospital after drugs had been passed to them during open visits.

He said that three times he had pointed that out to Dr R. I. K. Blyth the principal medical officer at Brixton, but he had not taken any notice.

After the prisoner's death Dr Mansuri was interviewed by Dr D. O. Topp, regional prison officer for the South-east, who told him to say and do nothing about the death and who disapproved of Dr Mansuri making notes on the case.

Dr Mansuri said the inquest showed that the prisoner had died after an overdose of LSD, which had been wrapped in cigarette foil and swallowed. The foil had opened slightly, allowing the drug to escape into the blood.

Dr Mansuri added that his relationship with his superiors deteriorated after the incident and the following year he was transferred against his will to Leeds prison. He was suspended from duty in March, 1976, after complaints about poor timekeeping and attendance and dismissed last April.

Dr Mansuri also told the tribunal that he had refused to feed artificially a prisoner at Leeds.

The request had been made by Dr Ronald Ingrey-Senn, assistant director of prison medical services and formally senior medical officer at Leeds who was said to have warned Dr Mansuri of the "dire consequences" that would result from his refusal.

The hearing continues today.

Mr Powell tells Tories to speak for England

Mr Enoch Powell warned th Conservative Party yesterda that it has no long-term futu unless it "speaks for England

Addressing South Kensingto Young Conservatives, M Powell, Ulster Unionist MP f Down, South, said the party ha of necessity relearnt and r taught the Commons the gra mar and syntax of a Unite Kingdom and a sovereign Parli ment when it fought the d volution Bills.

Now it remained to be see whether the party could develo "its returning memory of th meaning of nationhood and sovereign Parliament" in tim to "speak for Britain."

Britain, he added, "which is i creasingly disposed to insist we remain a part of the EE that it shall become and remai a collaboration of independer and sovereign states."

It was 18 months ago, M Powell recalled, that he told th same group of Young Conserv tives of the events and cause that had "severed him" fro the Tory Party. During the pa 18 months one thing had b come clearer than ever: "th there is no future in the lon run for a Conservative Part which does not speak for En land, whoever else is doing s or not doing so".

Parliament, he said, had bee under attack from inside an outside.

"From inside the attack wa that of the nationalists, o rather that of the dupes an appeasers of nationalists, wh argued, under the fallacious pr text of devolution, that Parli ment's exclusive right to mak the law for all parts of th United Kingdom should be abro gated, and bits and pieces of i given to elected bodies i regions which it was said re garded themselves as nations i their own right."

The subject was one on whic the Conservative Party had bee "hopelessly muddled and com promised by exertions mad since 1968 to buy votes, in Scot land particularly, by ignoring o sacrificing constitutional essen tial".

As soon as specific proposal were put forward for settin up legislatures in Scotland an Wales, members on all side of the Commons becam "clear-sighted again". The realized that it would be in compatible with the sovereignt of Parliament and with th unity of the United Kingdom

The Labour Party, "stuck with its incautious commit ments" and frightened of los ing more seats in Scotland an Wales, had thought itsel obliged to forge ahead by call ing on "all the resources o party discipline, and the ter rors of premature dissolution to guillotine the Bills through the present session, largely undebated".

Mr Powell went on to point out how both Labour and Conservative attitudes to Europe had changed during the passage of the direct elections Bill.

"There is unmistakably a growing convergence in Parliament and in the two main parties towards a national line in Europe which would lead back, to use the Prime Minister's words, towards the maintenance of the authority of national governments and parliaments", he said.

"Yet both parties, ironically, are stuck with the commitment to a directly elected European parliament which contradicts their aspirations.

A prince's architect broke law

An architect working for a Saudi Arabian prince whose two mews houses in an exclusive London conservation area were demolished without planning permission was fined £75, with £25 costs, at West London Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Prince Torki bin Abdulla lived next to the buildings in Hyde Park Gate Mews, Kensington. His architect, Rolf Rothermel, of Ovington Gardens, Kensington, pleaded guilty to demolishing a building without consent.

Miss Angela Turner, for Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council, said the houses were demolished last August. Planning permission to redevelop the site, given in 1973, had lapsed three years later.

Mr Patrick Hamlin, for the defence, said Mr Rothermel believed he could demolish the buildings under the 1973 planning consent.

"He did not appreciate an extraordinarily complicated amendment to the Town and Country Planning Act", he said.

Mr Hamlin said the houses were unsightly, of no historical importance and structurally unsound.

Boy aged 12 on trial for murder

A boy, aged 12, went on trial for murder at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. Mr David Tudor Price, for the prosecution, said the boy, a girl aged 15, Paul Cahoon, aged 20, and Henry George Russell, aged 17, had been concerned in the brutal murder of a tramp in a derelict building last July.

Mr Tudor Price said Stephen Anderson, aged 52, was beaten with an iron bar, had bottles, a supermarket trolley and a fireplace surround thrown at him and lumps of concrete dropped on his head. Mr Anderson had been "finished off" when he told his attackers that he would be able to identify them.

Counsel added: "The killing seems to have been the sequel to a violent assault on Mr Anderson undertaken for its own sake, simply for the sake of beating him up."

All four deny murdering Mr Anderson at Copeland Road, Peckham, on July 27. The boy, the girl and Henry Russell also deny making an affray on the same date. Paul Cahoon pleads guilty to that charge.

The trial continues today.

No court ban on Newham meeting

Mr Justice Michael Davies refused at a private hearing last evening to grant an injunction postponing a meeting of Newham, North-East, Labour Party later the same day.

Mr Paul McCormick, leader of the moderates in the constituency party, had sought to have the meeting postponed to give his group time to consider its plans.

Earlier yesterday in the Court of Appeal the moderates successfully sought the cancellation of an injunction that would have prevented them from opposing a move to amend the local party's constitution.

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, cancelled the injunction and said the order appeared to interfere with the right of freedom of speech. "That is not a matter we should support", he added.

The injunction was granted at a private court hearing on Friday to Miss Joan Lestor, chairman of the Labour Party.

Mr McCormick told the Court of Appeal: "The injunction has done a lot of damage to us over the weekend and left-wingers have got an important advantage over us for the meeting this evening."

Labour MPs seek debate over judge

A group of Labour MPs led by Mr Marcus Lipton will see Mr Foot, the Leader of the House, today to demand a Commons debate over remarks by Judge McKinnon, QC, who referred to "niggers, wogs and coons" in a recent court case. The *Tribune* Group is to see the Home Secretary and the Lord Chancellor to discuss changes in the methods of choosing and removing judges.

Mr Lipton, MP for Lambeth, Central, said last night: "We take the view that this judge should be removed from office. If our request for a debate is refused, then we shall find means, somehow, of raising it in the Commons."

After the *Tribune* Group meeting last night, Mr Edward Fletcher, the chairman, said members believed that judges should have some special training, and the procedures for removing a judge who was not up to the job should be simplified.

The Society of Afro, Asian and Caribbean Lawyers, which has threatened to boycott Judge McKinnon's court, said last night that it regretted that neither the Lord Chancellor nor the Senate of the Inns of Court had issued a statement deploring the judge's conduct.

Menace of the Mump

Burrow Mump, a hill covering 9½ acres at Burrowbridge, Somerset, is moving, Mr Justice O'Connor was told in the High Court yesterday.

As a result, the occupiers of two houses at the bottom of the hill are suing the National Trust, which owns it, for damages. They are also seeking orders requiring the trust to do something to keep the Mump in check and put what has moved back where it came from.

Mr Hubert Dunn, counsel for Mr Leslie McDonald Leakey and his wife Doris, of Elm Glen, Burrowbridge, and Mr Edward Charles Storey, of Hillside, said: "It is a serious menace."

Mr Dunn said Mr and Mrs Leakey had lived in Elm Glen since 1967. In September, 1976, the Mump began to move "in a most menacing way", partly because of heavy rain. Large quantities of soil came down.

In its defence, the trust, which was given the Mump in 1946, said that in moving it was only doing what came naturally. The alleged encroachment on the land of Mr and Mrs Leakey and Mr Storey was the result of natural subsidence.

The hearing continues today.



A pair of fireman's boots and over-trousers on stand-by at Mount Pleasant station, London, yesterday, for the return of the long-absent wearer.

Bitterness mars firemen's return to work

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On the surface the return to work was orderly, but union officials conceded the likelihood of trouble in some places later.

The Army continued to fight fires in some areas until it was decided that the firemen were ready to take over.

Local authority employers generally strove to ease the return to work. Derbyshire and Devon joined other brigades in offering interest-free loans until the men's first salary cheques arrive next month.

Mr Richard Foggie, FBU assistant general secretary, said of the officers who worked during the strike: "We have to work with them but not to play with them."

The national situation was as follows:

Strathclyde: One of Britain's biggest brigades with 2,000 men and one of the most militant areas, reported a full return.

Plymouth: Firemen who ignored the strike have been "sent to Coventry" by colleagues, but they will work together.

Avon: Mr Terence McCarthy, county fire chief, said the return was going well.

Salop: Mr Robert Russell, chief fire officer, talked for several hours with FBU officials about difficulties at the Tweeddale station at Telford where union members had threatened not to work normally with non-strikers. More talks are planned for today.

Kent: Local FBU leaders plan to ask for personal loans to help the men out of acute financial trouble. About a quarter of the strikers apparently failed to report for work.

Greater Manchester: The service was ready to work by noon.

West Midlands: After making final equipment checks the firemen took over from the troops.

Essex: The 800 men went back, but Mr James Cawley, an FBU leader, said tension was "bubbling below the surface".

Berkshire: The men went back despite a threat not to work next to fireman Mark Gunston, aged 22, who refused to strike. Mr Gunston was back at work yesterday afternoon.

Northern Ireland: The 500 full-time firemen were providing full cover by early last night.

The Chelsea firemen who were deemed yesterday to be still on strike had decided before the national settlement to "send to Coventry" two of their colleagues who had not joined them. One has resigned; the other is Mr Christopher Hills, station commander.

"We regard this as a lock-out by the employers", their spokesman said. "We returned to work along with everybody else fully prepared to get on with our job again. We shall stay here now and turn up every day for work." The men have not yet asked for sympathetic action by other firemen.

For the most part firemen at the rest of the capital's stations busied themselves with cleaning their buildings, removing woodpiles collected for their makeshift picket fires, checking machines and equipment, and doing work imposed by the safety regulations.

Most of the men said it was good to be earning money again instead of shivering on the picket lines.

However, a leading fireman at Belsize Park station said there was a profound mistrust of the settlement, with its two stages. "If the Tories get in this year then they can just tear the whole thing up", he said. "The last nine weeks would have been in vain".

At Mount Pleasant station, Station Officer David Holland said: "The dispute has left a bitter feeling between strikers and non-strikers, but I think the wounds will heal."

At the same station, Leading Fireman Brian Sharpe said he and many of his colleagues felt they had been used as a political football. "A lot of us will never vote Labour again."

No London fire appliances were allowed out on call until all the brigade's stations were "viable". That was achieved at 2.45 pm.

British Leyland fined £300 over asbestos

British Leyland was fined £300 by magistrates at Solihull, West Midlands, yesterday, after the corporation had admitted failing to warn contractors that they were dealing with asbestos. The offence occurred when insulation was stripped from the former Rover 2000 factory last September.

A factory inspector said he found dust containing 12 per cent asbestos inches deep on every flat surface in the factory. The building was cleared and specialist contractors with breathing apparatus took away 137 sacks of the dust overnight.

Drug trial ending

Verdicts are expected today in the trial of two men who have pleaded not guilty at Bristol Crown Court to charges of conspiracy to smuggle cannabis from Morocco. They are Alston Frederick Hughes, aged 30, bricklayer, of Llanddewi Brefi, near Tregaron, Dyfed, and Paul Kiernan Healy, aged 28, salesman, of Tregaron.

Air security cash plan criticized

The Government's plan, due to take effect this year, to place the cost of security at airports on airlines rather than on the taxpayer discriminates against the air passenger, the Airline Users' Committee said yesterday (our Air Correspondent writes).

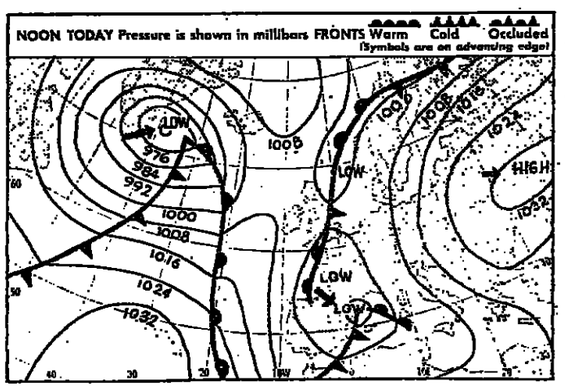
In a representation to Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, the committee said: "Acts of violence, such as the hijacking of aircraft, are directed against governments, and the security arrangements to prevent them are therefore the responsibility of the state."

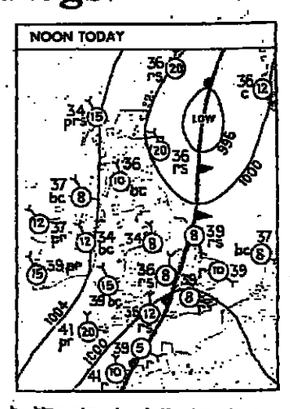
Man questioned after shooting

A man was being questioned at Huntingdon police station, Cambridgeshire, last night after a shooting incident at a St Neots supermarket.

Mrs Janice Townsend, aged 38, of Ferrars Avenue, Eynesbury, an assistant at the store, was taken to hospital in Bedford seriously wounded.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; sh—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 7.58 am. Sun sets: 4.24 pm
Moon sets: 1.38 am. Moon rises: 11.51 am
Full moon: January 24.
Lighting up: 4.54 pm to 7.27 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.30 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 8.11 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft). Avonmouth, 12.39 am, 10.6m (34.7ft); 1.13 pm, 10.4m (34.3ft). Dover, 4.52 am, 5.7m (18.9ft); 5.37 pm, 5.4m (17.8ft). Hull, 12.24 pm, 5.8m (19.0ft). Liverpool, 5.15 am, 7.5m (24.6ft); 5.40 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft).

A depression in the North Sea will be slow moving.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, E, England, East Anglia: Rain or sleet at times, snow in places; wind variable, becoming N light; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Central S, Central N England, Midlands: Rain or sleet, some snow, more especially on hills, clearing during day; wind N light or moderate; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals, wintry showers, some heavy; wind NW moderate or fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands; Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, wintry showers, some heavy; wind N or NW moderate; max temp 3°C (37°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly cloudy, sleet or snow at times, rain near coasts. Wind N or NW moderate; max temp 3°C (37°F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, sleet or snow at times. Wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 2°C (36°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Wintry showers in E, bright intervals, overnight fog; rain or sleet will spread to W and S areas later; rather cold, night frost.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind mostly S, moderate; sea slight.

English Channel (E): Wind variable becoming mostly N, moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N, fresh, locally strong; sea moderate or rough.

30-day forecast

The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for the next 30 days: Further cold spells likely, especially around the middle of the period, but much fairly mild and dry weather indicated. Mean temps are expected to be near average in East Anglia, the Midlands and SE and central S England, but above average elsewhere. Rainfall will probably be near average in N and W Scotland and below average elsewhere. Snow is likely to be less frequent than usual. Frost and fog may occur with average frequency in England and Wales, but less often than usual in Scotland and N Ireland. Gales are expected with near average frequency in N and E Scotland, but below average elsewhere.

Yesterday

London: Temp: Max: 6 am to 6 pm, 5°C (41°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 999.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; th, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Aberdeen	r	1	34	Cardiff	d	5	41
Algiers	s	15	59	Chicago	c	−11	12
Amsterdam	c	3	37	Cologne	r	1	34
Athens	f	13	55	Copenhagen	s	2	36
Barcelona	f	8	46	Dublin	c	3	37
Beirut	f	16	61	Edinburgh	c	3	37
Belfast	c	2	37	Florence	s	7	45
Berlin	c	2	37	Funchal	f	17	63
Bermuda	s	20	68	Geneva	f	2	36
Biarritz	f	8	46	Gibraltar	f	17	63
Birmingham	c	3	37	Guernsey	r	6	43
Bristol	r	4	39	Helsinki	r	−3	27
Brussels	r	4	39	Innsbruck	r	−1	30
Budapest	c	1	34	Istanbul	r	6	43
				Jersey	r	6	41
Malaga	f	14	61	New York	c	1	34
Lisbon	c	12	54	Nice	th	7	45
London	r	3	37	Oslo	sn	0	32
Los Palmas	f	21	70	Paris	r	4	39
Luxembourg	s	2	36	Reykjavik	s	1	34
Madrid	c	2	36	Rome	f	11	52
Majorca	r	10	50	Salzburg	r	5	41
Malaga	f	13	55	Stockholm	s	1	34
Malta	c	13	55	Tel Aviv	f	15	59
Manchester	r	0	32	Toronto	f	−1	30
Miami	s	19	66	Vancouver	r	3	37
Montreal	c	−1	30	Venice	r	1	34
Moscow	r	−5	23	Vienna	c	−1	30
Munich	fog	−5	23	Warsaw	s	−1	30
Naples	s	13	55	Zurich	c	−1	30

Steel losses estimated at £520m, Commons told

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Questioned about allegations that vital information had been withheld during the public hearings Mr Varley emphasized that when he appeared before the committee last month he had not been asked about the financial results. He then made his offer to appear before it again.

The £466m loss projection for the year made in July, he said, was "highly speculative and the steel industry throughout the world was operating in devastating market conditions".

Mr Varley reaffirmed that the corporation would keep within its £950m cash limit for this year but said that the BSC's existing borrowing limit of £4,000m could be increased in the present parliamentary session.

Questioned about the timing of his statement on the future of the steel industry, Mr Varley said he was still awaiting the outcome of discussions between the unions and the BSC and the statement would be made in March. If there were be changes in the plans for the retention of old plants, decisions would be based on the outcome of the joint discussions.

He noted, however, that agreement had been reached for the closure of two works. That together with other corrective action, he suggested, had stabilized the rate of the corporation's losses.

£835m investment: The Wales Council decided yesterday that the steel corporation should proceed with plans to invest £835m in the Port Talbot steel complex (a Staff Reporter writes from Cardiff).

The council's immediate anxiety over steel, a large employer in the principality, was heightened by an underlying long-term pessimism over employment prospects for Wales in the next decade.

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Family planning 'a priority' minister says

Health authorities are to be told to treat family planning as a priority, Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said in London yesterday. He was speaking to a delegation from the Family Planning Association.

The meeting comes after evidence by the Association to the Royal Commission on the Health Service in which it contended that family planning services were being drastically cut. But Mr Ennals said the latest figures showed increases in family planning activity. The number of clinics fell by 44 to 1,837 between 1975 and 1976, but sessions and the number of patient attendances rose.

Hall refused to Front

An application by the National Front to hire Cardiff City Hall for a meeting was rejected unanimously by the council's policy committee yesterday.

Mr Steel might envisage pact with the Tories

Mr Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, said last night that he would consider a pact with the Conservatives after the next general election if it led to changes in the voting system to bring in proportional representation.

Questioned by Mr Dick Taverne, former Labour MP, on the ATV programme Left, Right and Centre, Mr Steel said: "Mrs Thatcher has talked about referenda in a constitutional sense. I certainly think there is a case for a referendum on proportional representation, but more than that there is a case for legislation on it."

Referring to the special Liberal assembly in Blackpool on Saturday to discuss the future of the pact with the Labour Party, Mr Steel said he was anxious that the debate should not be about his leadership.

"I have nailed my colours to the mast on the strategy of going for the balance of power since 1974", he said. "If the party accepts that strategy, fine. If it rejects it, it is surely wiser that it should pursue a different strategy under a different leader."

Miss Nesta Wyn Ellis, a former Liberal candidate and an opponent of the pact, said yesterday that even if Mr Steel won Saturday's vote she would expect him to resign shortly after the next election.

She accused him of blackmail by his threat to resign if he failed to win a majority for the pact.

Our Political Reporter writes: Liberals opposed to the pact with the Government said yesterday that the public were confused by the liaison.

In-depth skateboarding

Manchester City Council is to set up its first indoor skateboard centre by installing a large wooden ramp at the deep end of a swimming pool that is too leaky to be used.

Overseas selling prices
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HOME NEWS

Archbishop's plea on Ulster withdrawal angers the Unionists

From Our Correspondent
Belfast

Unionists in Northern Ireland have complained about support voiced by the Roman Catholic primate of all-Ireland, Dr O Fiaich, for the call by Mr Lynch, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, for a British declaration of intent to leave Ulster.

In an interview, published in a newspaper in the Irish republic, he said: "I think the British should withdraw from Ireland. I believe in a declaration of intent. I know it is a coloured phrase, but I think it is the only thing which will get things moving.

"I regret that it did not happen after the collapse of Stormont. There were Protestants looking around in frustration for a friendly hand to grasp, and a declaration coupled with sincere gestures from the south would have done good. I do not see any long-term solutions for the Northern problem save in an all-Ireland context. We are only putting off the day."

Mr Harry West, leader of the Official Unionists, said it was appalling that the Primate should enter the political field and make comments that could only aggravate the situation.

The Rev Ian Paisley said the archbishop could now be called the IRA man's archbishop from Crossmaglen. (Dr O Fiaich's home town) since he shared the IRA's aim of getting the Army out.

MPs critical: Mr John Biggs-Davison, a Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland and a Roman Catholic, said the archbishop's remarks were regrettable (the Press Association reports).

"Analysis of successive elections in Northern Ireland and of the border poll shows many Catholics support the Union. Partisan utterances from the Primate can only divide Christians and cannot help the restoration of peace."

Mr Simon Mahon, Labour MP for Bootle, another Roman Catholic, said Dr O Fiaich's remarks "might be construed as giving comfort to people who are purveyors of murder on both sides of the argument in Northern Ireland".

Mr Mahon said that in 1969 he had personally begged the Labour Government to send troops to Northern Ireland.

Murder attempt: Shots were fired by policemen and two gunmen during a car chase after a murder attempt in west Belfast yesterday. The police think that at least one gunman was wounded.

The incident began when the gunmen climbed on to the roof of a store and wounded two workmen doing repairs. One of them was said to be ill last night.

High Court asked for contempt case ruling

The High Court was asked yesterday to rule whether newspaper and television reports of a woman's trial on theft and fraud charges were in contempt of court by disclosing that she had already pleaded guilty to other charges before the trial opened.

Mr Harry Woolf, counsel for the Attorney General, maintained that mention of the guilty pleas in the *Newcastle Journal* and on Border Television was highly prejudicial.

He told Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Melford Stevenson and Mr Justice Lloyd in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, that after publication of the report in January, last year, the trial judge at Carlisle Crown Court discharged the jury and ordered a new trial in another part of the country.

He referred the matter to the Attorney General for him to ask the High Court whether there had been a contempt. Mr Woolf said contempt was denied by both the newspaper and Border Television.

Border Television said it had been unaware of the amendment of the indictment to prevent the jury knowing of the guilty pleas.

The newspaper's case was that it was entitled, as part of a fair and accurate report, to refer to the guilty pleas, which had been taken in open court.

The hearing continues today.

Education publicity campaign aimed at the blue-collar worker

Independent schools seek to kill snob image

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

The Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) yesterday launched a national publicity campaign aimed in particular at attracting lorry drivers, milkmen, machine operators and other blue-collar workers.

Mr Tim Devlin, director of Isis, said: "I want to open up the independent schools and to get people applying from all sections of the community. We reject the epithet 'bastions of privilege'."

The best way to save the independent schools from further socialist attacks was to persuade parents of all political persuasions to support the schools.

He suggested that the ticket to an independent school was no longer supplied so much by high salaries or inherited wealth as by the willingness and ability of the wife to go out and get a job. He pointed out that the wife's tax-free earnings allowance of £845 a year was above the average cost of an independent day school.

Heads of independent schools all over Britain spoke of hundreds of women who had taken jobs as secretaries, nurses, teachers and such like to pay their children's fees, he said.

Fees range from about £600 to more than £1,000 for an independent day school, and from about £1,300 to more than £2,000 for an independent boarding school. That compared not unfavourably with the average £459 recurrent cost of education in a state secondary school.

He questioned the validity of the criticism that independent schools were socially exclusive. Isis, which represents 1,069 of the 1,532 independent preparatory and secondary schools in England and Wales recognized as "efficient", had received reports from members of children from all kinds of social and economic backgrounds.

In Newcastle upon Tyne, miners' children were going to independent schools. In Doncaster a machine operator's wife had taken a job scrubbing the factory floor to help to pay fees. In Nottingham a fairground worker had just decided to send his son to a private preparatory school.

From Birmingham came a report of a policeman who said he was determined not to send his child to the local comprehensive school because he was called soo often to cope with incidents there. In Bristol, a postman whose wife worked in a packing factory had decided to send his son to Bristol Cathedral School.

Mr David Jewell, head of Bristol Cathedral School, a former direct-grant school, had recently studied the occupations of parents of all entrants since the school became independent in September, 1976. Mr Devlin said. He had found that 49 out of 118 new pupils, or about two fifths, came from non-professional families.

On Thursday the first of a series of "Isis weeks" to be staged throughout the country will open in Bristol. An Isis advice centre stocked with prospectuses from 213 schools and manned by a team of independent school experts will be stationed in the Broadmead shopping centre for three days.

Then 45 independent schools in the Bristol area will open their doors for four days to interested parents so that they may meet the staff and pupils and see round the school.

The Isis drive is to be backed up by a parallel campaign to build a national pressure group for independent schools. On Friday Isis will launch the Association for Friends of Independent Schools. Membership will cost £3 a year.

The association will seek to enable more parents to send their children to independent schools by campaigning for tax concessions for fee-paying parents; for an assisted places scheme to provide means-tested grants for children at independent schools; and for boarding bursaries.

Mr Devlin said Isis was acting from a position of strength, not weakness. The number of pupils in independent schools had increased by 2,500 since 1974, although the number of boarders was declining.

£700 fines over fatal steelworks blast

From Our Correspondent
Lincoln

The British Steel Corporation was fined £700 at Lincoln Crown Court yesterday after admitting charges connected with an explosion that killed 11 men at a South Humberside plant more than two years ago.

The blast, at the Appleby Frodingham steelworks at Scunthorpe, on November 4, 1975, showered molten metal over hundreds of yards. Four men died and seven of 15 men taken to hospital with serious burns died of their injuries.

The corporation pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to ensure the safety of employees. One count related to two men and the corporation's failure to maintain the cooling system of the Queen Victoria blast furnace; the other to the failure to provide suitable protective clothing for three men. It was fined £500 on the first count and £200 on the second, and was ordered to pay costs.

Mr Jeremy Roberts, for the Health and Safety Executive, said that water leaking under pressure from part of the furnace cooling system ran into a 40ft torpedo ladle containing 150 to 200 tonnes of molten metal. Men had not been able to stop the leak because a pipe near by, carrying hot air, had burst. A locomotive tried to move the torpedo, but as it began to pull away there was a violent blast.

Mr Roberts said the risk of water escaping from the cooling system and finding its way into contact with molten metal was not appreciated as it should have been.

He said the water leak was caused when a blanking plug fell from a cooler. The plug, instead of being made from brass was of steel. Of the 120 plugs on the furnace 21 were of ferrous metal. It was bad practice to use steel plugs because there was an increased risk of corrosion.

He said three maintenance men were not provided with protective jackets or trousers. Two of them were seriously burnt, but it was unlikely that protective clothing would have prevented that.

Mr Michael Wright, QC, for the corporation, said a factory inspector had said that the blast was caused by an unpredictable combination of events never before encountered in the steel industry. "The staff of the corporation have failed to appreciate that a certain catalogue of circumstances could give rise for danger."

Mr Justice Stephen Brown said: "I am satisfied there was no gross negligence."

Orphanage man jailed for life

John Dwyer, aged 25, a house father in an Irish orphanage, who killed a boy of nine who had begged to be adopted by him, was jailed for life by the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday after pleading guilty to murder.

He was said to have drowned Thomas in his bath while they were staying in the Royal British Hotel, Edinburgh, after running away from a children's home in Dublin.

Mr Dwyer, who was said to have been trained for 10 years with a religious teaching order before becoming a house father, was said to have the police: "I feel that Tommy is better off than being taken back to the home where he was unhappy." After he had drowned the boy, he said, he tried to commit suicide by taking an drug overdose.

Examination of methods: Health board officials in the Irish Republic are examining their methods of child welfare after the murder of Thomas Hayden (the press Association reports). Mr Haughey, Minister for Health, rejected calls in the Irish Parliament last November for a public inquiry. He said he was deeply concerned about the tragedy and planned to examine the circumstances.

Mr Haughey said he had received a full report from the Eastern Health Board, the authority responsible for the boy while he was in official care, and he had decided that a public investigation would not be worth while.

Board buys potatoes to help farms

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Ministers resumed the bolstering of potato prices for farmers yesterday by allowing the Potato Marketing Board to reopen its buying programme. The present farm price of about £30 a ton compares with a government guarantee of £46.50.

The first part of the campaign ended late last year after 200,000 tons of potatoes had been bought for about £5m. The tubers have been dyed purple and are on offer for livestock feed at less than half price.

The Ministry of Agriculture said farm prices were so low that "a substantial increase in farm-gate prices can be accommodated without a significant increase in retail prices".

Tories may curb white Rhodesians' return

White settlers in Rhodesia who might want to come to Britain if the constitutional issue was retsolved would not be allowed automatic entry by a future Conservative government. That was the view of Mr Keith Speed, one of the party's home affairs frontbench team, who spoke on the *Jimmy Young Programme* on BBC radio yesterday.

He was answering questions from Mr Young on the party's plan to curb immigration. Asked about the commitment of the Government to British passport holders in East Africa, he said: "At the moment the Government reckons that about 30,000 of these people are still to come into the country. They are coming in at the rate of about five thousand a year on a quota system.

"What we have said it that if the Government's figures were very wrong—if, instead of 30,000, we were talking about, say, 300,000— then obviously we should have to look at the situation again. Because I do not think we could commit ourselves there.

"Four or five years ago we had the Uganda Asians coming in. We took 28,000 in a matter of moths and at that time Robert Carr, the Tory Home Secretary, said it was a once-and-for-all operation, and we could not go through that again. And that is the view of the party today."

When Mr Speed was asked about white settlers in Rhodesia who might want to return to Britain he replied: "That is the same as the Uganda Asians. If a great mass of people from any country, Rhodesia or elsewhere, all wanted suddenly to come in, our social, health, housing and education services just could not cope.

"So we should have to take a long, hard look at whether we could permit people to come in from any country, not just black countries. At the moment the problem happens to be people who have different coloured skins to ours, but on a future occasion it might be white people and the same situation would have to apply."

Chairman of Schools Council to go

Sir Alex Smith, chairman of the Schools Council since 1975, is to retire from the unpaid post at the end of the month, nine months before his term of office expires. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has accepted the decision with regret.

Sir Alex, aged 55, is Director of Manchester Polytechnic and has given pressure of work as the main reason.

The Schools Council is an independent body responsible for examination and curriculum reform in England and Wales. It is financed equally by the local education authorities and the Government.

Sir Alex's final task with the council will be to preside when a report reviewing its structure is presented on January 31.

Burnt hotel facade must go

A decision yesterday by Glasgow District Council's building control subcommittee to demolish the mid-Victorian Edwardian façade of the Grosvenor Hotel, which was swept away by a £3m fire earlier this month, has annoyed residents and conservationists.

Architectural authorities from many parts of the world had regarded the elegant terrace as one that the city should preserve. Part of the terrace was used by the Reo Stakis Organization for the hotel.

Mr Robert McGowan, director of the council's building control service, said the remaining structure could not be saved. Accordingly the subcommittee had granted a warrant, presented on behalf of Norwich Union Estates, the owner, for demolition of about half the listed terrace.

The council will support the demand of the residents' association that any alternative structure should harmonize with the rest of the terrace.

A leading member of the association said last night: "We hope that the owners will declare, at an early date, their intention to restore what has been last. It was regarded as a terrace of great architectural beauty".

'5p a week for a Scot' to run assembly

From Ronald Faux
Glasgow

The weekly cost to every Scot of running the proposed Scottish assembly would be no more than the price of a box of matches, Mr George Reid, Scottish Nationalist MP for Sterlingshire, East and Clackmannan and joint party spokesman on devolution, said yesterday.

Mr Reid, firing an opening shot in the nationalists' campaign for a "yes" vote in the assembly referendum, was speaking at a press conference in Glasgow. In round terms, he said, the assembly would cost about £13m a year to run. That worked out at £2.60 a head a year of 5p a head a week. "What we get for that is our own parliament, here in Scotland for the first time in over 270 years. We reckon it is a bargain."

Miss Isobel Lindsay, the party's head of policy, contrasted the cost of the assembly with the cost of running the local authority regional structure. It was estimated, she said, that the regions had cost Scotland more than £100m. In one year alone, the estimated net expenditure for regional authority administration and management was £36,875,000, amounting to £7.08 a head. "Compared to this, the cost of a Scottish assembly is infinitesimal", she said.

Miss Lindsay made it clear that the regional councils would be the first piece of "Westminster frippery" to be axed by a Scottish assembly in which the SNP had a majority. Abolishing them would save on everything from councillor expenses and rent on leased buildings to heating, administrative and manpower costs. "Upwards of £7m currently spent on salaries and councillor's expenses and costs alone can be saved by a Scottish assembly which rids us of the regions", she said.

Mr Reid added that figures showed without doubt that the idea of a Scottish assembly being costly was a myth.

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River is tested for rat disease

Tests for Weil's disease, a form of jaundice caried in the urine of rats, were being made in the Ouse in Yorkshire yesterday on the orders of Mr Anthony Morris, the York Coroner.

Malcolm Smith, aged 38, an engineer, of Appletree Village, York, died after water-skiing on the river on New Year's Day. The disease was suspected as the cause.

Girl had knife 'for protection'

Anna Kelly, aged 18, a punk rock enthusiast, armed herself with a knife for protection against the "Teds", Mr David Hopkin, the Marborough Street magistrate, was told yesterday.

Miss Kelly, who attends a convent school, was conditionally discharged for two years an dordered to pay £14 costs after admitting having a jack knife as an offensive weapon.

Journalist cleared of bid to influence witness

Mr Gordon Tether, the columnist who alleges that he was unfairly dismissed by the *Financial Times*, has been cleared of any intention to influence a witness giving evidence for the newspaper publishers at an industrial tribunal hearing.

Mr Tether complained to the Employment Appeal Tribunal yesterday that the industrial tribunal hearing his claim had wrongly decided that he had attempted to influence a witness, Mr Mark Van de Weyer father (chairman) of the *National Union of Journalists'* chapel (office branch) at the newspaper. Mr Tether had sent a memorandum to the union accusing Mr Van de Weyer of breaking union rule.

Mr Justice Phillips said the lower tribunal had merely expressed disapproval of Mr Tether's action; it had not given a decision to take any further action. The lower tribunal had said it regarded proceedings for contempt of court as unnecessary.

Mr Justice Phillips pointed out that the tribunal accepted that the memorandum arose more from a misunderstanding of the role of a union official than from any corrupt intention to influence a witness.

The unfair dismissal action by Mr Tether, of Lawfords Road, Worplesdon, Surrey, has lasted 14 days at the industrial tribunal and is scheduled for another 15.

Mr Justice Phillips said that in the interests of all the parties and justice generally "this particular side issue should be buried and forgotten". It did not appear that any damage had been done.

He also dismissed Mr Tether's appeal against the industrial tribunal's refusal to order production of documents giving salaries of senior journalists at the *Financial Times*.

Drug smuggler's sentence cut by two years

Trevor Thompstone, aged 42, who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for his part in a plot to smuggle cannabis into England from Morocco, had his sentence cut to three years by the Court of Appeal yesterday. Mr Thompstone, of Saxon Wood Road, Solihull, an insurance inspector and former assistant scout commissioner for west Warwickshire, was sentenced at Warwick Crown Court on June 20. He had admitted conspiring to import cannabis with a retail value of £148,000 in caravans with false floors. He admitted illegally exporting £6,000 to pay for the deal.

Lord Justice Bridge, sitting yesterday with Mr Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Jupp, said five years was, on the face of it, not an excessive sentence, despite Mr Thompstone's previous good character.

The court had interfered only because of the part played by a police informer, Mr Dennis Mullen.

Lord Justice Bridge said Mr Mullen had deceived police and conspirators alike. The evidence suggested that his role in bringing the conspiracy to fruition was significant. On that basis Mr Thompstone's sentence was excessive.

The court quashed the conviction and sentence of Costas Georgiou Costa, aged 32, of Beehive Lane, Ilford, who had been sentenced to two years' jail.

Lord Justice Bridge said the evidence given against him by Mr Mullen was at best confused and uncertain.

ress Council ebuke for 'Daily Express'

e Press Council has upheld a plaint against the *Daily press* for failing to correct a tement in its William Hickey umn which incorrectly described nan as wearing naval uniform Cowes.

Ir R. D. de Sola, of Fountain use, Park Street, Westminster, the council he did not wear uniform of his rank in the al Naval Reserve. He usually e the uniform of a member of Royal London Yacht Club, ch was quite different. He te a letter to the editor, ked, "not for publication", asked for an apology but his er was not acknowledged.

Ir Jeremy Deedes, deputy or, said the original report tained the words naval-style form but the word style was in production.

Ir Peter McKay, editor of the mn, told the council that the ter could have been dealt with publication of a letter to the or but Mr de Sola had marked letter, "not for publication".

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Jail for man who took sons

Mr David Clark, alleged to have broken a court order not to take his two sons away from his estranged wife, was jailed for a week by Mr Justice Balcombe in the High Court yesterday.

Mrs Clark's counsel said she had recovered Jason, aged eight, and Damien, aged five, from the London home of a relative of her husband on December 30. Mr Clark, who gave himself up on Sunday, said that while he had the children he had taken them to Ireland.

Family charged with murder

Mrs Margaret Foote, aged 48, her husband George, aged 49, and their daughter, Yvonne, aged 21, appeared in private before Sheriff Neil Gow at Ayr yesterday, charged with murdering Enrico Iannarelli, aged 62, a cafe owner, in his cafe at Girvan, Strathclyde, on December 20.

They are accused of repeatedly stabbing him in the body with a knife and robbing him of a four-figure sum and three cheques. They were remanded in custody for further inquiries.

Citroën cuts prices of car spares by 16½%

Peter Waymark
Boring Correspondent

Citroën threw down a challenge to other car manufacturers yesterday by announcing an average cut of 16½ per cent in the prices of replacement parts. That follows a period of nearly 14 months since prices were last increased.

Patrick Brun-Wibaux, Citroën managing director in Britain, admitted that the company had been criticized for the prices of its parts but said they were now lower than average.

The reduction had been made possible by the lifting of import duties on goods from the European Community, an improved exchange rate and Citroën's decision to buy more components, materials and services in Britain.

He said the value of British purchases would rise from £5.2m in 1977 to £10.3m this year and more than £27m by 1980. The items included interior trim materials, crankshaft forgings, radiators and aluminium road wheels.

The reductions apply to 98 per cent of Citroën parts. M Brun-Wibaux said that on comparison of 24 commonly used parts their Dyane model was dearer than the Mini 850 but as cheap as the Fiat 126 and cheaper than the Renault 4 and Datsun Cherry.

Secondary education costs vary by £244 a head

By Our Education Correspondent

It costs £632 a year to educate a child in a state secondary school in inner London, compared with £388 in Bury, Greater Manchester. That means that five children in Bury are being educated for the price of three in inner London.

That is one of thousands of items on estimated education spending and statistics in individual local authorities in England and Wales for the current year, published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Among the 39 English counties, Hertfordshire has the highest average cost at £502 a year for educating a child in secondary school, while Suffolk, at £403, has the lowest.

Costs in the eight Welsh counties tend to be higher, ranging from £553 in Powys to £442 in Clwyd. Among the 36 metropolitan districts, costs range from £566 in the city of Manchester to £388 in neighbouring Bury.

The average cost of educating a child in England and Wales as a whole is £459 for secondary schools, £304 for primary schools, £458 for nursery education, and £1,301 for special education, including boarding schools and hospitals.

Education Estimates Statistics 1977-78 (The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, 1 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HS, £4).

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HOME NEWS

Scottish Secretary is 'largest landowner with thirtieth of UK'

By Hugh Clayton

Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, is the largest landowner, with an estate of forests and smallholdings that covers a thirtieth of the area of the United Kingdom. The extent of his titular fief is disclosed in a report about landowners from the Centre for Agricultural Strategy at Reading University, published yesterday.

Although it does not cover *individual* private landowners, the report's national survey of the holdings of institutions is one of the most comprehensive since the 1873 survey of parishes in England and Wales.

Information available today is extremely meagre, the report says. Some authorities do not know how much farmland they own or rent. Some guesswork has been necessary.

Although the rights of the Secretary of State over land in his name are more restricted than those of a family landowner, *his* total estate is far more extensive than the largest private holding of woodland or grouse moor. Of his 794,000 hectares, slightly more than half is forest.

Although Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, owns less than half as much as Mr Millan he is still a much bigger landowner than the Queen. The Crown Estate contains fewer than 150,000 hectares, of which two thirds is farmland. The duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster together own almost 70,000 hectares of farmland.

Farmland ownership only (hectares)

Government departments	376,724
Local councils	356,943
The Crown	168,900
Financial institutions	153,556
Water authorities	119,000
Oxford and Cambridge colleges	69,491
National Coal Board	54,000
Co-operative Wholesale Society	15,000

Source: Centre for Agricultural Strategy.

The report estimates that well over 60,000 hectares of land is vested in Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, in the form of motorways and main roads. Oxford colleges own more than 40,000 hectares of farmland and one college has almost 9,000 hectares.

Although the report says nothing about the elusive question of the size and structure of private estates, it will ease the task of the Northfield committee, which Mr Silkin has told to discover who owns farmland and who is buying it.

Landownership by Institutions in the United Kingdom, Paper Three (Centre for Agricultural Strategy, Earley Gate, Reading RG6 2AT, Berkshire; £1.75).

Lords hear plea over rights of mistresses

By Annabel Ferriman

A mistress has the right to turn out her violent lover only if she has exclusive property rights to the home, Mr Joseph Jackson, QC, argued before the appeal committee of the House of Lords yesterday.

The Law Lords were hearing the appeal of Mr Nehemiah Johnson against a Court of Appeal ruling last November excluding him from the Hackney council flat which he shared with Miss Jennifer Davis, aged 21, and their daughter, aged two, because of his allegedly violent behaviour towards her.

In a judgment that made legal history, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, ruled that in cases of violence personal rights took priority over property rights.

He said the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act gave protection to Miss Davis even though she was not married and although Mr Johnson had a joint tenancy on the flat.

Mr Jackson, appearing for Mr Johnson, argued yesterday that the 1976 Act did not change the substantive law. If Parliament had intended the new law to override property rights and common law it would have laid down a code or set of guidelines, regulating the rights and obligations of the person remaining in occupation of the home as the Matrimonial Homes Act, 1967, had done.

He said that section 1 of the Act was a procedural provision that allowed a county court to grant an injunction to a woman excluding her husband or lover from their home, without her first having to claim damages for trespass or assault or, in the case of married women, having to petition for divorce.

That provision applied only to unmarried women with property rights who owned or were the sole tenants of their homes, he said. In all other cases the common law applied, under which one joint tenant could not exclude another joint tenant. "Not only does the Act not achieve much; it does not set out to achieve much", Mr Jackson said.

Lord Dilhorne said Parliament had clearly intended to do something for mistresses, as shown by sub-section 2 of the Act's first section. That referred to mistresses, not just mistresses with property rights.

The hearing continues.

'Hard-core classroom pornography' warning

Hard-core pornography is on the way to becoming a normal diet for children in classrooms, a report to a Home Office committee says today.

It criticizes some forms of sex education to which young children are exposed and also teenage girls' magazines for giving explicit sexual advice, publishing pictures of nude boys and readers' letters about the sexual experiences of well-known personalities.

The report is the basis of evidence to be given to the Home Office Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship by the Responsibly Society, whose sponsors include Sir John Peel, Lord Shawcross and Sir Brian Windeyer.

It seeks to scrap the Obscene Publications Act and the Children and Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Act. Instead, it calls for legislation to protect the public from the influences "injurious to the physical and/or moral health of the community".

Referring to teenage magazines, it says of one: "Hitherto feature articles in which show business stars discuss their sexual experiences have been confined to adult magazines. It is disturbing, to say the least, to find this sort of thing in a magazine aimed at young girls."

Another magazine, it says, gave information on oral sexual practices.

The society accepts the value of sex education in schols, but says children should be protected by legislation from exposure to some material "which is obscene in the traditional sense of the word and which can be extremely injurious to the physical and mental health of the child concerned".

If it was exhibited in a cinema or bookshop some of the material would leave the exhibitor open to prosecution, "but under the existing law parents have no redress if their children are exposed to this material in school.

"We have in this area the possibility of a very serious corruption indeed, the instruction of children to become subjects for pornography and perversion for the future. Unless steps are taken to counteract the trends there is every indication that hard-core pornography will become a normal diet for children in the classrooms."

Film censorship: A GLC committee proposed yesterday that a national statutory body should be established for film censorship, grading or classifying all films submitted for exhibition, including those to be shown in private cinema clubs (Kenneth Gosling writes). All films would be graded as X, A or U, and C to cover films shown in sex cinemas. The committee's recommendations to the Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship will come before the GLC on January 31.

Judge criticizes police over some cinema clubs

Judge Argyle, QC, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday criticized the police for not doing enough to stamp out cinema clubs showing obscene films.

He said he was annoyed that the police had handed back projection equipment after raiding the Office Cinema Club in Praed Street, Paddington, before any one had appeared in court. The judge who said he hoped his views on the matter would be reported to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was told that the club was still operating much the same as before.

When he heard that the projection equipment had been handed back after a request from solicitors, the judge at first refused an application by Mr Nicholas Purnell, for the prosecution, to have 17 confiscated obscene films destroyed.

Chief Inspector John Purnell said the equipment was handed back after consultations with senior officers.

Later, Mr Purnell asked the judge to reconsider his decision as it would put the police in the embarrassing position of handing back illegal items.

The judge agreed, provided his "very strong views" were conveyed to the commissioner.

Henry Hughes, aged 24, of Hathersage Court, Newington Green, London, pleaded guilty to running a disorderly house at the Office Cinema Club between May 26 and June 3, 1976. He was fined £500 with £100 costs and was given a six-month prison sentence, suspended for two years.

WEST EUROPE

EEC supplies of Canadian uranium restored under compromise agreement setting up safeguards

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 16

Canada and the EEC signed an agreement here today establishing new safeguard arrangements for the supply of Canadian nuclear material and equipment. An immediate result is the lifting of the ban in force since January last year on Canadian deliveries of natural uranium.

The first deliveries to be authorized under the new arrangements are consignments of 2,500 tonnes for Britain and 500 tonnes for West Germany. Before the ban was imposed, the Canadians were supplying between 30 to 35 per cent of the EEC's natural uranium requirements.

South Africa and Namibia are the other main sources of supply for the EEC, a cause of some political unease. To diversify the Community's sources, the European Commission has asked the Nine for permission to negotiate supply contracts with Australia, which possesses 20 per cent of the world's low-cost uranium reserves.

The most difficult part of the discussions leading up to today's agreement between Canada and Euratom (the European Atomic Energy Community) concerned the reprocessing (to produce pluronium) and enrichment of Canadian-supplied uranium and its subsequent storage.

Ever since India exploded a nuclear device in 1974 with the aid of Canadian material, the Ottawa Government has been seeking tougher safeguard agreements. In the early stages of the negotiations with the EEC, it demanded that reprocessing, enriching or storing of Canadian material should be subject to prior consent.

This was never acceptable to the EEC, and the compromise finally agreed provides for a system of prior notification and consultations. This arrangement will be renegotiated in the light of the results of the international nuclear fuel cycle evaluation talks, which could take another two years to complete.

In detail, the EEC will be to notify Canada before enri ing uranium beyond 20 cent or reprocessing u uranium fuel in the case of material supplied after Dec ber 20, 1974. In addition, Community will "provide formation on planned repro sing of material transferre before that date.

The agreement also provi that no material supplied u it "may be used for the ma facture of any nuclear weap or for any other military of nuclear energy or for manufacture of any ot nuclear explosive device".

The provisions of the agr ment will be verified by International Atomic Ene Agency (IAEA) in Canada, by the agency and Eurat jointly in the Commun France has not yet accep inspection by the agency a until it has, no Canad material will be used in Fre reactors.

Silkin disappointment over fish proposals

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Jan 16

Mr John Silkin, the Minister for Agriculture, said here today that his first reaction to the European Commission's new proposals for sharing the EEC's fish catch was "one of disappointment". He acknowledged, however, that Britain had been offered "sizable increases" in its share of some species.

Speaking to journalists after the first day of a crucial meeting of fisheries ministers of the Nine, Mr Silkin said: "On the important question of access—exclusive access for the United Kingdom vessels within 12 miles of our shores and arrangements to ensure a dominant preference for United Kingdom fishermen in the 12 to 50 mile zone—the Commission proposals fall a long way short of what we need".

The proposed allocation of catch quotas, Mr Silkin said, was a negotiable proposition. But Britain had always made clear that quotas by themselves were insufficient without a system of enforcement which would ensure they were respected and also would guarantee British fishermen preferential access up to 50 miles.

What Britain wanted, he said, was a system of control and licensing in the 50-mile zone that would ensure that "only a certain number of boats may fish for a certain period of time, for certain species, at a particular season".

In presenting his revised proposals, Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, EEC Commissioner for Agriculture and Fisheries, was prepared to offer Britain permanent, exclusive fishing rights up to 12 miles, which are due to be phased out from 1982. But he rejected any formal recognition of a British preference up to 50 miles.

The Commission's case is that the revised catch share-out in effect gives Britain the preference Mr Silkin is demanding. Under the new proposals, British fishermen would be allowed to catch 852,000 tonnes in 1978 in EEC waters, or about 31 per cent of the total Community catch.

If possible catches beyond the Community's 100-mile zone are included, mainly in Norwegian waters, Britain's total catch quota rises to 1,036,000 tonnes, about 24 per cent of the estimated total possible catch for all EEC fishermen in all waters.

British fishermen's representatives were predictably more outspoken than Mr Silkin, describing the Commission's new offer as "totally unacceptable". Nominal increases in the British catch of key species, such as cod and haddock, had been achieved by creating "paper fish" which did not exist, they claimed, rather than by raising the British share of what was actually available.

Bonn to investigate phone tap claim

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Jan 16

The West German Gove ment today set up an indep dent commission of ser officials to investigate char by Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, Bavarian Christian Social Un leader, that Government se agents tapped a telephone c versation between himself the editor of the CSU pa newspaper.

The commission will also amine Herr Strauss's claim t the transcript of the conve tion, which mysteriously fo its way into a Munich da newspaper, was deliberat altered in one place so as damage him morally and poli ally.

The Government's denial the weekend that any of three secret services were volved has failed to ans many questions raised by t curious affair.

A photocopy of the transcr of the conversation betw Herr Strauss and Herr Wilfr Scharnagl, editor of the *Baye kurier*, on what appears to official secret service pa complete with the appropri rubber stamps, was publis on Friday by the *Süddeuts Zeitung*. Most of it is said Herr Strauss to be an ex account of the talk.

It would appear, howe from one phrase in the text t Herr Strauss had removed fr his archives documents relat to West Germany's involvem in the Lockheed affair. It this part which Herr Stra says is forged and he says can prove it because a mist was made which can easily verified.

The conversation took pl a week before the 1976 gene election and the transcript w sent to the *Süddeutsche Zeitu* —it is not clear by whom—o a couple of weeks after an dependent commission clear Herr Strauss, the main accus and any other West Germ politician of taking bribes fr the Lockheed Aircraft Corpo tion.

Doctor was killed by patient

For 30 years a husband in mental care harboured the delusion that a doctor had seduced his wife, it was stated at Leeds Crown Court yesterday.

Time and again he told the authorities that he wanted to kill the doctor, and eventually he did so, with a knife. The doctor, it was said, did not appear to have been told of the threats.

William Edward Wardman, aged 70, of High Royds Hospital, Menston, West Yorkshire, a psychiatric hospital, pleaded not guilty to the murder but guilty to the manslaughter of Dr William Leslie, aged 65, of Shaftesbury Avenue, Bradford, on the ground of diminished responsibility. The plea to the murder charge was accepted by the court and Mr Wardman was remanded in custody pending the availability of a bed at Broadmoor hospital.

Mr Donald Herrod, QC, for the prosecution, said that, despite Mr Wardman's belief, his wife, Annie, was faithful at all times. Dr Leslie, the Wardman's family doctor, was a happily married, devoted family man.

In 1955 Mr Wardman mentioned to mental hospital authorities for the first time his desire to kill Dr Leslie, saying he believed the doctor had seduced his wife 10 years previously, Mr Herrod said.

Mr Wardman's case history notes contained later references to 10 more occasions when he mentioned his desire to murder Dr Leslie. The last reference was in 1960. "Although threats to kill were mentioned by Wardman frequently to the authorities, it would seem that nobody passed them on to Dr Leslie", counsel added.

UK move to protect livestock

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Ministers are to seek the help of other EEC governments to protect British farm animals from cruelty when they are sold abroad. A report on livestock exports being prepared at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food will accept after pressure from welfare groups that too little is known about the fate of animals after they leave British hands.

Dr Richard Melrose, chief veterinary officer at the Meat and Livestock Commission, told a press conference in London yesterday: "We feel that control from this end is adequate."

But the commission had said in evidence to the ministry that the system was open to abuse *unless it was closely monitored.*

Mr Walter Johnstone, commission chairman, said he considered that that aspect was important to counter "the emotional outbursts on the part of welfare bodies, which I respect", but he added that he thought a ban on live exports would be bad.

The ministry has accepted the meat trade's case that although Britain greatly depends on food imports it is essential to export more meat as home consumption falls. Mr Hilary Marks, chief economist at the commission, said yesterday that beef exports might rise by more than a third to 115,000 tonnes this year; consumption of all meat, including poultry, might fall by a fifth to 3.15 million tonnes.

School meals likely to cost more in September

The price of school meals is likely to go up in September but it has not yet been decided by how much. The Department of Education and Science yesterday described as pure speculation reports that the price is to be increased by 10p from the present 25p.

An official said: "We have said in the last two or three White Papers that the Government plans to reduce the subsidy on school meals between now and 1981 to 30 per cent. No decisions have yet been taken as to when the next increase will be or by how much."

At present parents pay 25p a day for each meal; the full cost of preparation and serving is just over 50p. The extra 25p is provided by a subsidy of £280m a year.

Any decision to change the price is normally announced in the Budget, to be implemented in September.

Any increases might lead to the reappearance of rickets and other nutritional diseases, Mr Gwilym Roberts, Labour MP for Cannock, said yesterday. He wants government subsidies increased to reduce the cost of meals.

Mr Roberts said that the 10p increase last September led to a drop of a fifth in the number of meals taken.

Remands on murder plot charge

Two men and a woman accused of conspiring to murder two Indian diplomats were remanded in custody by magistrates at Hendon, London, yesterday, until next Monday.

Susan Margaret Waring, aged 23, a hostel supervisor, of Stratford Road, Birmingham, Brian Shaw, aged 22, a shop assistant, and Niall Anthony Kidd, aged 26, unemployed, both of Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, London, are all charged that between January 1 and November 1 last year they conspired with others to murder Mr B. H. Nehru, High Commissioner of India.

They are further charged with conspiring with others to murder Tehendra Khanna, an official of the Indian Embassy. Mr Kidd only is charged with attempting to murder Amar Singh Ahluwalia, an embassy official, at Temple Fortune Road, Golders Green, on October 31.

Dutch Premier criticized for vague speech

From Our Correspondent,
Amsterdam, Jan 16

Mr Andries van Agt, the new Dutch Prime Minister, painted a bleak picture before Parliament today of wage restraint and diminishing social security.

The Christian Democrat leader, whose centre-right coalition with the Liberals is based on a shakey majority in Parliament, said that the Government intends to present a policy to combat the country's worsening economic situation at the start of the new parliamentary year next September. Until then the new Cabinet will operate within the guidelines laid down by the former left-of-centre Government.

Mr van Agt adroitly manoeuvred around the most controversial subjects, such as abortion, by either promising further study or the introduction of Bills at some unspecified date.

The new Prime Minister said *there would have to be a reduction* in energy consumption to conserve Holland's natural gas reserves.

He said his Government would pursue a restrictive immigration policy because of the increasingly apparent strain *within Dutch society.*

Commentators are nearly unanimous in pointing out the vagueness of most of Mr van Agt's statements and the lack of concrete proposals. Today's speech is to be followed by a three-day debate in Parliament *but no vote of confidence will* be put.

Danish boat is arrested off Shetlands

A Danish fishing boat was arrested last night for allegedly catching pout, a banned species of fish, in disputed waters off north-east Scotland. The local fishery officer at Lerwick said the naval vessel HMS Jersey was escorting the boat to the Shetlands harbour.

The Karen Gronbjerg was boarded about 90 miles from Scapa Flow in an area where Britain has banned pout fishing.

Divorce decree for snail trainer

Mr Christopher Hudson, who said his snail-training hobby came to a standstill because of marriage difficulties, was granted a decree nisi at Brighton Divorce Court yesterday.

Mr Hudson, aged 23, of Hove, petitioned on the grounds of unreasonable conduct by his wife, Deborah, aged 21, who did not contest the action.

Warning over light fittings

Merlex Industries, of Croydon, is to advertise in national newspapers warning customers of a fault in some bathroom wall lights it has sold in the United Kingdom in the past 18 months.

Move to settle dispute at BBC by Friday

By Kenneth Gosling

Local talks aimed at settling the dispute between the BBC and its engineers by Friday were adjourned yesterday and will resume today. The two sides arrived on Friday at a formula that included the reinstatement by the BBC of 500 engineering members of the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs.

Until a final settlement is reached on overtime working both BBC television channels will be subject to early closure this week. That has meant the cancellation of last night's *Télé-Journal* on BBC2 and tonight's edition of *The Engineers* on BBC1.

Nuclear fuel by air

A consignment of fuel elements from Windscale for the prototype fast reactor at Dounreeay was transported by air for the first time yesterday.

Parole system is too slow, probation officers say

By Peter Evans

Criticism of the parole system as too slow, cumbersome, remote and impersonal was made yesterday in evidence to the education, arts and Home Office subcommittee of the Commons expenditure committee by the Conference of Chief Probation Officers.

Among recommendations made by a working party of the conference in a report is that prisoners should have the right to a personal hearing by a newly strengthened committee in a reformed parole system.

The working party says that no reasons for refusal of parole are given to the prisoner who applies. That "leaves him, his family, and others involved with a persistent source of anxiety and concern".

The system is badly understood by both staff and inmates, the working party's report says. It should be a matter of real concern that a scheme as important as parole should suffer from so large a credibility gap.

The working party whose report has also gone to the Home Office and Parole Board, suggests that responsibility for the parole system should be divorced from both the prison and probation services.

Although the Home Secretary would retain overall responsibility there would be an independent parole board.

Local review committees would be strengthened, revised and given professional and admiinstrative support from a newly created post, a parole administrator.

The benefit of having such committees with the power in most cases to make immediate decisions would provide a fairer hearing, allow for more informed decisions, and cut the lengthy period of anxiety.

Singer alleges breach of copyright

Paul Simon, a singer and songwriter, has issued a High Court writ claiming damages from CBS Inc, of New York, and CBS (UK) Ltd, of Soho Square, London, alleging breach of copyright.

Mr Simon, who lives in New York, claims that an agreement in February, 1965, for the companies to manufacture and distribute recordings of *The Paul Simon Songbook* expired in 1975, but they had continued to manufacture, sell and deal with the album.

East Berlin ban on CDU leader leads to protest

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Jan 16

Inter-German relations are once again being put to the test and there is good reason to believe that East Germany intends to harden its policy *vis-à-vis West Germany.*

For the third time in eight days, Herr Günter Gaus, the West German envoy to East Germany, protested against East German violations of valid agreements. Similar protests were made in Bonn.

The latest cause for protest was the East German refusal to permit Herr Helmut Kohl, leader of the Bundestag opposition and chairman of the Christian Democrats access to East Berlin. Herr Kohl and his escorts were told yesterday at *the Friedrichstrasse* checkpoint after an hour's wait that their presence was not wanted at th time.

On previous private visits East Berlin and East German Herr Kohl encountered no diffi culties.

After calling on the Ea *German Foreign Ministry* toda Herr Gaus said that the reje tion of Herr Kohl was a gra matter and could impair rel tions.

Herr Kohl said the incide revealed the East German Go ernment's present state of weal ness

An increase in the number West Germans held on espio age charges in East German is worrying the Bonn author ties. The latest to be sentence including Herr Karl Bartel who received a 12-year sentenc were named yesterday by ADN the East German news agency

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Mine likely in part of national park

Regional report

Ronald Kershaw

Whitby

A public inquiry into an application to develop a potash mine in the Whitby area opens at Whitby on February 7. Whitby Potash, a subsidiary of Consolidated Gold Fields, is appealing against a refusal of planning permission by the North York Moors National Park Committee. Without having the audacity to preempt the decision of the inspector or the Secretary of State for *the Environment, it may be* said with some conviction that in the long run the national park committee is "on a hiding to nothing".

Under the Local Government Act, 1972, the power to determine planning applications within the national park had to be delegated to the national park committee by North Yorkshire County Council. One of the exceptions to the rule is a "straddling application", where only part of a project obtrudes into a national park. In those circumstances the county council must decide whether to conside planning applications or delegate that authority to the national park committee.

The county council has in the past taken the latter course hence the committee's authority to reject the Whitby Potash application which is a "straddling application." Now there has been a change of policy and the county council will in future determine such applications.

The county council favours the development of Whitby Potash, so if the appeal fails, the company need only reapply to the council's planning authority and permission will be forthcoming.

Early this month Scarborough Borough Council came out strongly in favour of the Whitby Potash project, with Councillor Peter Jaconelli arguing for the mine. Mr Jaconelli is also chairman of North Yorkshire County Planning Committee.

Even without support from the local authorities Whitby Potash has a strong case. This is a £75m to £80m venture due to be in operation by 1982, creating 200 new jobs. The local authority will receive an estimated £250,000 in rates each year and there will be import saving to the national balance of payments of more than £30m a year on potash alone.

The environmentalists protest that the mine, at Egton Moor, and an associated refinery at Stainsacre, on the outskirts of Whitby, will detract from the tourist attraction of the fishing port. They point to the transporting of waste from the mine out to sea and recall that an "escape" at the existing Cleveland Potash mine at Boulby, near Whitby, allowed sodium chloride to get into a freshwater beck, killing fish and organisms on which they feed.

Mrs Jean Greenan, a councillor, says the refinery will be the size of a 14-storey office *block with a chimney twice as* high. She accuses the local authority of being interested in the "quick penny" rather than the Whitby environment. Councillors, she says, have been mesmerized by the prospect of new local jobs.

At least a dozen organizations jointly or individually are contesting the appeal

Giscard attempt to halt bickering

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 16

President Giscard d'Estaing attempted to stop the bickering among the different parties that make up the Government coalition with a sweeping appeal to unity over lunch today. He had invited 80 of the party leaders who have been most involved in the Government since his election in May 1974.

He told his guests that the luncheon invitation had been made for two reasons: first that they should get to know each other; second because they had joined in the work carried out over the past three and a half years.

Among the guests was M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, who said the previous evening on television that he *was going to tell the President* of his grave anxieties about the future of the Government and, in consequence, of France itself.

"My anxieties are unfortunately confirmed by the behaviour, which I do not hesitate to describe as disloyal and dangerous, of some of our partners," he told the television audience.

Because the three other main groupings in the Government majority—Republicans, Centrists and Radicals—had agreed a list of candidates between them, not including the Gaullists, M Chirac called their behaviour "disloyal and dangerous" and tore up the electoral pact between them of agreed single candidates in almost 120 constituencies.

Since the leaders of these "disloyal and dangerous" parties were also at the luncheon the President had to choose his words carefully in an attempt to achieve the necessary appearance of unity among his guests.

"The decisive question facing the French is that of a choice of society," he said. "It must be settled *once and for all in* the first round. It then remains, in the second round, to choose the men most capable of carrying out this fundamental choice. Now it is just the opposite that is happening."

Candidates of the majority standing in the same constituency in the first round of the election must not forget that they were not opponents but partners who would have to support each other in the second round.

They certainly had to spell out their own party programme and policy, and the voter, with his natural common sense would understand that those programmes were similar in essentials.

The majority had to show itself more united. Although local ambitions and antagonisms could not be wiped out, it could still give the appearance that they were not the most important things at stake.

All attacks by one majority party against another were harmful. "Whoever wants to win an electoral consultation must seek out the deep feeling of the country. Today that is the call to unity."

The president said that the number of "primaries" within the majority would be the highest for 20 years and he saw this as being a happy evolution towards direct democracy. "The role of the elector grows since it is up to him to choose between the candidates of the majority.

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WEST EUROPE



President Kekkonen, of Finland, who sought support for his foreign policy in yesterday's election.

Finnish poll turnout under 70 pc

From Olli Vivinen
Helsinki, Jan 16

Unofficial indications suggest that fewer than 70 per cent of the voters turned out in Finland's two-day presidential election which ended tonight. The reason for the low vote is that President Kekkonen, aged 77, has been certain of re-election.

The President who has been in power since 1956, was supported by the six biggest parties, the Social Democrats, the Conservatives, the Communists, the Centre Party, the Liberals and the Swedish People's Party.

The main importance of the election was to give strong backing to President Kekkonen's foreign policy which emphasizes neutrality and good relations with both the Soviet Union and the West.

Of the parties supporting Dr Kekkonen only the Conservatives are outside the present coalition Government led by Mr Kalevi Sorsa, a Social Democrat. The Government will resign when the President's new term begins on March 1.

The new coalition will presumably be formed on the same basis, but some observers feel that the Conservatives might be included to reward them for supporting President Kekkonen and also to share the burden of the unpleasant decisions necessary if Finland is to recover from its recession. This has led to record unemployment of nearly 8 per cent.

The other candidates were Mr Raino Westerholm, of the Christian League; Mr Ahti Salonen, of the Constitutional Party; Mr Veikko Vennamo, of the Rural Party; and Mr Eino Haikala, of the Unity Party. All these parties are relatively new splinter groups formed to oppose either President Kekkonen or old established parties backing him.

Jailed terrorists 'never discussed suicide'

Stuttgart, Jan 16.—Irmgard Möller, a convicted terrorist, denied today that she and three other Red Army Group members ever discussed committing suicide.

Giving evidence before Baden-Württemberg state investigators, Fräulein Möller, aged 30, disputed police allegations that she, Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe mode a suicide pact at Stammheim prison here.

She gave evidence calmly for 10 minutes in the first public hearing at Stammheim prison since the violent deaths of her three terrorist comrades. But guards dragged her out of the court when she tried to hold talks with her two lawyers afterwards.

Baader and Rospe were found with fatal pistol wounds and Ensslin was found hanged on Oct 18, a few hours after West German commandos freed 85 hostages on board a Lufthansa airliner at Mogadishu airport in Somalia. Four Arab terrorists had seized the aircraft in an attempt to force the authorities release the terrorists.

Fräulein Möller told a 23-member panel of state legislators at the court in the prison: "We came to the conclusion that suicide was no part of the Red Army Group politics."

Munich trial: The trial of a former arms supplier to the Baader-Meinhof gang, Rolf Pohle, which opened here today, was adjourned in the morning at the request of his counsel to find out if the accused was fit to stand trial.

Herr Pohle, who was absent from the proceedings because of his "disturbing behaviour", claims that West Germany has no right to try him since he was released from prison in March 1975, with four other prisoners in exchange for the freeing of a kidnapped West Berlin Christian Democrat leader. They were flown to South Yemen. Herr Pohle was rearrested in Greece in July 1976 and extradited to West Germany.

He is now facing extortion charges in connexion with the abduction.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

Berne explosion: Responsibility for an explosion that damaged the prosecutor's office at the high court in Berne last week has been claimed by a group named after a young man shot during the 1976 visit to Berlin of the Shah of Iran (our Geneva Correspondent writes).

Metro bombs put police on Madrid on alert

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Jan 16

Police patrols were increased here today after two bomb explosions this morning and yesterday's fire-bomb attacks in Barcelona, in which as many as four people may have died.

One of the bombs in Madrid blew up a section of track of the underground railway in a suburb, the other damaged the entrance hall of the offices of a company which owns the underground. No one was hurt.

Spain's most elegant supper club, La Scala, burnt to the ground in Barcelona yesterday afternoon when four men and a girl smashed the plate-glass doors and threw in petrol bombs. At least one employee died and three other people are missing.

An adjoining discotheque was also destroyed. Losses were estimated at about £3m. Several suspects were detained by the police today, according to reliable sources.

An anonymous telephone call to a Barcelona newspaper said the illegal, Maoist movement Frap (the Patriotic Antifascist Revolutionary Front) was responsible for the blast but Frap later issued a disclaimer.

In other fire bomb incidents in Barcelona yesterday, gangs of youths, said by police sources to be members of the Maoist PCI (Independent Communist Party), attacked a police station, three police vehicles, a bank, a municipal office, an office of the internal revenue service and two policemen on foot.

They also commandeered and damaged three buses, which they parked across streets to block traffic. Police arrested a woman of 27 carrying three bottles of inflammable liquid.

pposition backs ares Cabinet policy switch

sbon, Jan 16.—The Social ocrats, Portugal's leading osition party, have agreed help Dr Soares, the care- r Prime Minister, to form able government, provided the Communists are uded.

ne Social Democrats nounced their policy change a two-day meeting of the y's national committee.

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Monaco shows France how to win a poll

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 16

The French Government must have looked enviously today at Monaco's general election results. The majority candidates, led by M Jean-Claude Rey, swept the board, taking all 18 seats on the National Council without needing a second ballot.

The Communist trade unionists lost their only seat. The Socialist Party made no impression; and the tax inspector who was standing as an independent will have to go back to inspecting taxes.

The only chance of breaking the National Democratic Union Party's monopoly will be if the civil court on Friday upholds the defeated candidates' claim that there was a miscount on the split votes.

Only the 3,647 true Monagesques can vote in the National Council elections, which are held every five years. The council has powers to approve or reject the Government's budget and other laws submitted to it.

OVERSEAS

Dr Waldheim hopeful about resumption of Cyprus negotiations

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Jan 16

Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, arrived in Athens today on the last lap of a tour to explore the chances of resuming the Cyprus negotiations. He had a meeting tonight with Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister.

Dr Waldheim, who has already been to Ankara and Nicosia, indicated that the prospects for a renewal of a "meaningful and constructive" dialogue were quite good.

Mr Bulent Ecevit, the new Turkish Prime Minister, had promised to produce concrete proposals on both the territorial and constitutional aspects of the Cyprus problem if his government obtains a vote of confidence tomorrow. Mr Ecevit had said it would take him about two weeks to work out the proposals.

Dr Waldheim said: "I hope that these proposals will help us overcome the actual stalemate and resume the negotiating process in a meaningful and constructive way".

The Greek-Cypriots and the Turkish-Cypriots, he said, had agreed that the proposals should first be submitted to him. "Then", he added "we shall decide in consultation with both parties on a date for reconvening the talks".

The idea of using Dr Waldheim to convey the proposals is clearly designed to protect the next initiative on Cyprus from hasty or negative reactions that the emotional appeal of he problem migh evoke.

Friends of Greece and of Cyprus are urging their leaders to avoid precipitate decisions even if the forthcoming Turkish proposals fall short of their expectations, in the hope of improving them in the inevitable bargaining that will ensue.

Dr Waldheim will find the Greek leaders sceptical about Mr Ecevit's recent promising statements. Mr Karamanlis told an interviewer recently that he hoped Mr Ecevit would "soon prove that his deeds matched his words".

The Greek leaders cannot forget, of course, that it was Mr Ecevit who, in 1974, initiated the policy of confrontation both in Cyprus and in the Aegean and who last summer authorized the colonization of Famagusta.

Our Nicosia Correspondent writes: Before leaving Cyprus for Athens Dr Waldheim told a press conference he had the feeling that "things were on the right track", and that he was cautiously optimistic the long-deadlocked talks could resume by March.

Mr Ecevit set to win vital confidence vote

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Jan 16

Mr Bident Ecevit's Government is facing a confidence vote which it appears certain to obtain from the National Assembly tomorrow. The rapidly deteriorating law and order situation is the most urgent point on the National Assembly's agenda.

Mr Ecevit is expected to get at least 226 votes, the absolute majority in the National Assembly, despite a spate of so far unfounded rumours of last-minute defections.

A drive against political terrorism which has had an unprecedented upsurge since Mr Ecevit was appointed Prime Minister on New Year's Day will be the first issue to take up. The violence has left 36 dead and over 100 wounded in the first half of this month alone.

Most political observers believe that right-wing terrorists trying to damage the Ecevit Government's credibility are responsible for the growing number of deaths, despite statements to the contrary by retired Colonel Alpaslan Turkes, who heads the extreme right-wing Nationalist Action Party.

"The terrorism and the attacks are the work of communist groups who wish to destroy the state and divide the nation", Mr Turkes said in an interview published today in the independent weekly *Yanki*.

But the figures speak for themselves: of the 36 people killed so far this year, only five were rightists. Almost all the bomb attacks were aimed at leftist or progressive organizations and people. A police officer, acting as a bodyguard for Mr Turkes, has been arrested for hurling a bomb at the home of a deputy mayor in the town of Afsin.

Mr Irfan Ozaydinli, a former Air Force general who is Turkey's new Interior Minister, is apparently taking into consideration rumours of police sympathy for Mr Turkes's followers by keeping in close contact with the gendarmerie.

Cyanide risk to villagers in earthquake zone

Tokyo, Jan 16.—The casualty toll from Saturday's earthquakes rose today to 21 dead and 111 injured, more than 25,000 villagers living along the Kano River, on Izu peninsula, faced a cyanide poisoning threat.

A dam weakened by the earthquakes on Saturday released sludge contaminated with cyanide from a gold mine into a Kano tributary, killing its fish and threatening an ecological disaster, health authorities said today. Intake of water from the Kaoo was stopped by the two cities that distribute it to households.

The waste has already reached the Pacific into which the Kano flows, but so far no case of poisoning from fish has been reported.

Police said the earthquakes had als odamaged 2,920 houses and started 110 landslides in Izu. Seismologists expect more shocks for a month but not serious earthquakes.—UPI and Agence France-Presse.

Bushfires force Australians to shoot stock

Melbourne, Jan 16.—Two people died and 13 were injured in bush fires which still raged across Victoria today, forcing farmers to shoot thousands of cows and sheep on charred pasture land. Hundreds of people have been evacuated.

More than 150 fires, fanned by fierce winds, caused millions of dollars worth of damage. One farmer reported 1,600 sheep lost.

Most of the blazes were contained early today, but senior state fire officers said that because of drought the whole of Victoria was "ready to explode".

At Bairnsdale firefighters battled over a five-mile front to stop flames which were travelling at about 10 mph.—Reuter.

Five drowned in car

Sydney, Jan 16.—Five people returning from a birthday party drowned today when their car was swept away by a flash flood while fording a river, police said.

New 'hot line' uses Soviet and US satellites

Moscow, Jan 16.—A new "hot line" went into service today, linking the Kremlin and the White House by satellite instead of the less reliable landline in use for the past 14 years.

The new direct communications link between the American and Soviet leaders uses a satellite system from each country which should eliminate the failures of the old link, set up after the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

From today, the hot line teleprinters in Moscow and Washington are sending their hourly test messages—usually non-political material from magazines or books—through the Molniya and Intelsat systems.

The Soviet Molniya system uses four satellites moving successively into the "view" of ground stations near Moscow and at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

The commercial Intelsat operates through the American-built stations near the Ukranian city of Lvov and Etam, West Virginia.

The hot line, designed as a means of reducing the chances of nuclear confrontation at a time of crisis, operates in two languages. Messages from the White House are transmitted in English, while Moscow sends its messages in Russian on to a cyrillic script teleprinter in Washington.

The text, automatically coded and decoded at each end, is then translated for the two presidents.

The Intelsat-Molniya system, which has the advantage of independence from facilities in a third country, began tests in March last year.—Reuter.

London-California for £100

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Jan 16

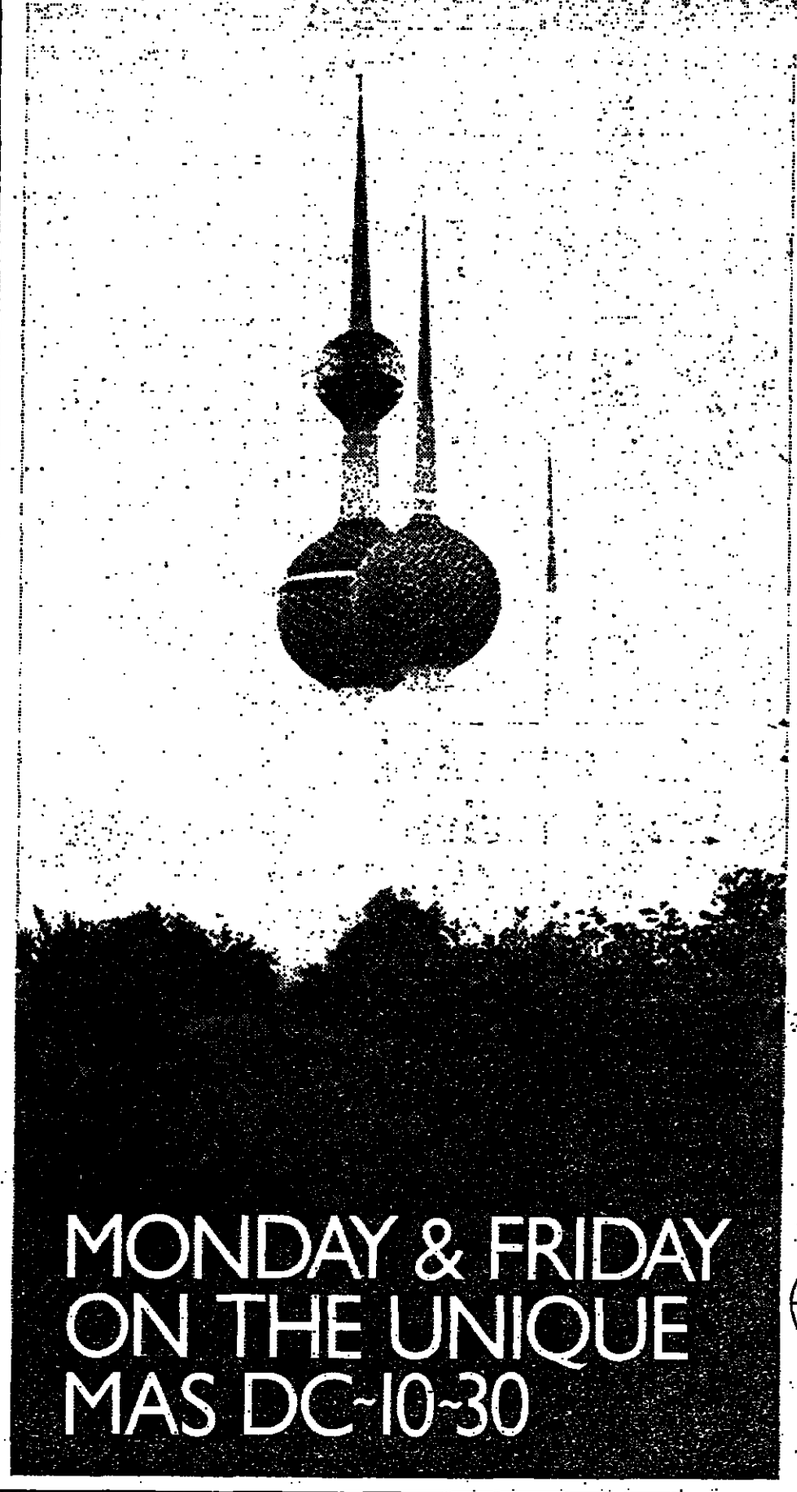
Trans International Airlines, one of the largest charter airlines, has applied to the American Civil Aeronautics Board to operate what it calls a "Skybus" service between London and Los Angeles. The lowest one-way off-season fare would be $199 (£100), rising to $239 at busy times of the year.

The lowest standard economy fare between the cities is $486, but lower fares are available on charter flights. The Skybus service would be scheduled and would use wide-bodied DC-10 aircraft, which are used on the Laker Skytrain service between London and New York.

Unlike Skytrain, the Skybus would allow passengers to make advance reservations at any time. It would also offer a full meal service. If it gets the licence to operate the service, Trans International says it would fly four times a week in the high season and twice a week in the off season. The company has also applied to operate a similar service between Brussels and a number of American cities.

Iata disagreement: The airlines within the International Air Transport Association (Iata) have failed to agree on a new fares structure across the north Atlantic, and the tariff will now be established by governments (our Air Correspondent writes).

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Resumption of Rhodesia talks delayed as parties seek 'blocking mechanism' compromise

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Jan 16

The expected resumption of settlement talks between the Rhodesian Government and three black organizations was delayed today as the various parties independently attempted to thrash out a compromise on the question of applying a "*blocking mechanism*" in a future parliament.

Last week, Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and the three black leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, agreed on representation in a future parliament on the basis of 72 per cent black and 28 per cent white. However, the talks subsequently stalled on how the white members would be elected and how long a blocking mechanism would apply for.

According to nationalist sources, Mr Smith is demanding that no amendments to the constitution could be made unless supported by 78 members out *of a 100-member parliament* (ie, 72 black MPs and six whites). The nationalists have said that it should be only 73 (ie, 72 blacks and one white).

Mr Smith wants the blocking mechanism to operate for 15 years. The black leaders have said the duration should be only eight years or two parliaments, whichever is the longer. It is still uncertain when the leaders of the four delegations will resume their talks. Mr Sithole said today he thought they would continue "later in the week".

This means that the resumption of the talks will coincide with two important external developments affecting Mr Smith's attempts to reach a settlement with the internally based black organizations.

One is Nigeria's declared intention to place before the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday a resolution condemning the internal settlement talks. The other is the meeting which is expected to take place in London between Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and the co-leaders of the Patriotic Front guerrilla organization, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe.

The settlement talks came under strong attack from Mr Nkomo's Zapu organization at the weekend with a declaration in the *Zimbabwe People's Voice*, the official organ of Zapu published in Lusaka, that the Patriotic Front would continue its guerrilla war if Mr Smith "and the criminal clique of three finalize their conspiracy". The three internal black leaders, the magazine said, must be "crushed ruthlessly".

Rejecting the Patriotic Front's threats, Mr Sithole said in a statement that he supported the internal talks "with all my heart, soul and mind". The Front, he added, was digging its own grave

While the internal and external leaders have continued their war of words, the war on the ground has taken an increasingly heavy toll. Combined operations headquarters announced tonight that a band of guerrillas had hacked to death with axes six forestry workers on a farm compound at Penhalonga, near the Mozambique border. A black nurse was tortured, it claimed.

Patriotic Front meeting: Crucial talks between Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo started in Maputo today on whether to accept Dr Owen's invitation.

They were also expected to review the Rhodesian situation in the light of apparent progress made by the "internal" settlement talks and to discuss possible joint military training programmes.—Agence France-Presse.

President's 'village' charts an African way of life in which solidarity replaces socialism

Ivory Coast claims bold policies have brought success

From Charles Hargrove
Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast
Jan 16

For years, President Houphouet-Boigny had been telling M Giscard D'Estaing: "What I am, what I think, one cannot really understand without coming to my village, to Yamoussoukro."

The French President in his speech last Friday at the magnificent modern marble and gilt *town hall completed just in* time for his visit, rightly said that he felt "the emotion of a man who enters a place where the secret of a nation is enshrined."

"The secret of Yamoussoukro", he went on, "is that of the 'village', the base and foundation of the social reality and personality of Africa . . . the village, which remains your point of reference, where you come to meditate whenever great issues arise for the future of your people."

This "village" is in fact an imposing town, with huge *straight avenues, brightly lit at* night, leading nowhere for the time being, and fine public buildings sprung almost overnight from the surrounding jungle. But the spirit, as the President explained to me, is and must remain that of a village.

At 73, President Houphouet-Boigny, widely described as the "old Sage of Africa", gives an impression, as a French colleague aptly put it, of "impassioned serenity".

"I am a peasant", he said. "The people and nation we have become, we have done so as peasants. My main concern is that my people should remain a nation of farmers and break loose from the itch of town life. For many years to come, the prosperity of the Ivory Coast will rest principally, as it does now, on agriculture."

"Our aristocracy is landed", he went on. "I myself keep a plot of land; and I go and till the soil from time to time with my own hands. So does my sister, who is 76.

"I told a group of university graduates recently: 'Go and get yourselves a piece of land. There is enough for everyone in this country. Then you will not be cut off from your roots, from the base.' My greatest



President Houphouet-Boigny: the "Old Sage of Africa".

satisfaction is that the advice has been widely followed. . . .

"By giving the Ivory Coast peasant the facilities of the town—water, light, drainage, dispensaries, schools, cinemas and so on—I hope to keep them on the land. Yamoussoukro is a symbol and an example; a link and a crossroads between the Ashantis in the east from Ghana, and the aborigines in the west; between the forest and the bush; between modernism and tradition. Here is the land of my family. Here I can make experiments which will be a model for the whole nation."

What succeeded here, thanks to mechanization, could succeed in the less fertile bush, thanks to mechanization, and it will keep on the land young Ivorians.

"We, the people of developing countries, cannot always appeal to international organizations for help if within our own frontiers we do nothing about the poorer regions. In the Ivory Coast, the peasant of the south has been called upon to make many sacrifices for the north. The resources of the National Cocoa Fund provide the money for the development *of the north. What I am trying* to do is to turn the north into a granary for the Ivory Coast, and perhaps, for Africa", he said.

He wanted to create dozens of Yamoussoukros throughout the country. "Peasants living in an urbanized, not urban, context—that is where the future lies for the Ivory Coast."

He explained something of the spirit of Yamoussoukro. "It is based on a natural form of collectivism which has nothing to do with Marxism. In the traditional village, when some one needs a hut, the whole village helps build it. But when it is completed, it belongs to the man who lives in it. We apply the same principle to the whole country, the principle of solidarity and private property."

The Ivory Coast was the country with the boldest social policy. It built more schools and more hospitals than countries which claimed allegiance to another ideology. Education was free, so was medical care. The peasants received everywhere the same price for their produce. Others would call it *socialism, he called it solidarity.*

He turned naturally from the *development of Africa is linked* to stability and security", asserted. "Who threatens us? Russia. Western Europe cannot even ensure its own security. How could we Africans alone?"

Waxing philosophical, he added: "In Europe, reason kills the heart. What Africans can give to Europe is the discovery of a new form of human relationship."

Evident US pressure made Israel think again

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 16

The State Department refuses to comment officially on the dispute over the agenda for the Jerusalem conference, on the ground that it would not be helpful, but it is clear that the United States exerted some pressure on Israel to reach a compromise.

Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, postponed his departure for Israel on Saturday night in what was apparently a gesture of disapproval of the Israel position.

The United States sees its role as mediator between Israel and the Arabs. All Mr Vance's considerable experience as a *lawyer and diplomat will be* needed.

President Carter made it clear at a press conference last week that the United States takes Egypt's side on the question of the settlements in occupied territory. It considers them illegal and believes that they should be abandoned. On the other hand, Mr Carter now takes the view, after some vacillation, that there should be no Palestinian state on the West Bank.

Mr Vance will suggest that a temporary arrangement for the West Bank and Gaza be settled immediately, since the long-term question of a final settlement might prove impossible to solve. Since this temporary arrangement would not include the right of self-determination, it might well resemble Mr Begin's proposal.

This arrangement would last for a limited period, say five years.

As a first step, a declaration of principle would be issued by *Israel and Egypt. The Americans* hope that it would be sufficiently acceptable to moderate Arab opinion to permit the Jordanians and some representative Palestinians to join the Jerusalem talks.

Beirut: The Middle East News Agency said today in a dispatch from Amman that Mr Vance would go to Jordan after visiting Israel and Egypt. Mr Vance was expected to visit Egypt on Thursday or Friday.—UPI.

Home again

Algiers, Jan 16.—President Boumediene of Algeria returned from Tunis today at the end of a 13-day tour to 10 Middle East countries, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Ethiopia accused of preparing invasion

Mogadishu, Jan 16.—Ethiopia, the Soviet Union and its allies are poised to invade Somalia by land, sea and air, Mr Abdel-Kassim Salad Hassan, the Somalia Information Minister, said here today.

He said the Soviet and Cuban Defence Ministers were secretly in Addis Ababa, where the invasion plan was being master-minded, and the Kremlin policy-makers and their Warsaw Pact allies were responsible for coordinating the invasion.

The Minister appealed to the world at large, "especially friendly and peaceful countries, fully to support Somalia to quell this sinister invasion".

He recalled that President Carter had recently called for peace initiatives in the Horn of Africa and had expressed growing concern about the sophisticated weapons and Soviet and Cuban troops pouring into Ethiopia.

Mr Salad Hassan said the first attack was planned against the Somali liberation movements fighting in Ethiopia's eastern and southern provinces. Then Somalia, Djibouti and other neighbouring countries were to be invaded.

He claimed that it was intended to occupy strategic areas of Somalia in an attempt to change by force the political system of the Somali Democratic Republic.

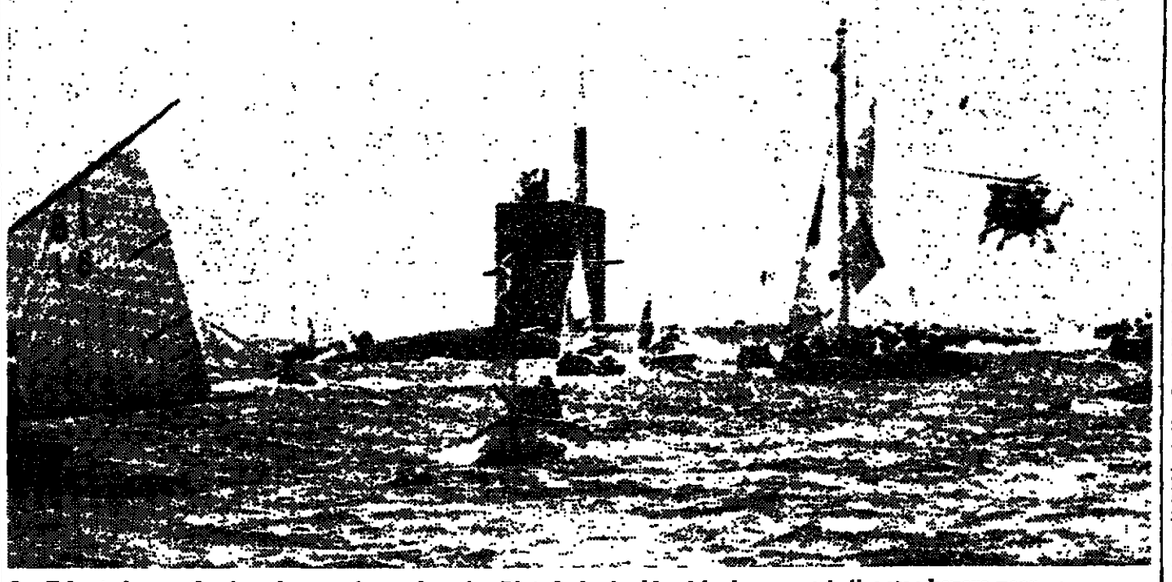
Nairobi: Earlier *Danab*, the newspaper of the Somali guerrilla movements, said that Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister, had joined General Raul Castro, the Cuban Armed Forces Minister, in Addis Ababa.

It was also reported in Nairobi that President Siad Barre told the ambassadors of Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Italy in Mogadishu that an invasion of his country was imminent.

Addis Ababa: Ethiopian troops killed seven "regular Somali soldiers" in a clash last week between the towns of Bedele and Awassa, in the southern province of Sidamo, the national news agency said.

Official reports also said that 19 insurgents mostly members of the outlawed Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, were killed and 300 others arrested in the capital at the weekend.

Beirut: The Lebanese newspaper *An Nahar* said the Eritrean People's Liberation Front had retracted a statement the new paper published yesterday quoting a spokesman as saying Eritrean secessionist guerrillas were holding Soviet and Cuban prisoners.—Agence France-Presse, Reuter and UPI.



Small boats harass the American nuclear submarine Pintado in Auckland harbour as a helicopter hovers near.

Armada of small craft blocks path of nuclear vessel

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, Jan 16

A protest armada of 100 pleasure craft stood in the path of the American nuclear-powered submarine Pintado as it entered Auckland harbour today. The boats were dispersed by low-flying New Zealand Navy helicopters.

Led by the Navy frigate Waikato and flanked by more than a dozen naval and police launches, the Pintado slowed down for protesters then quickly berthed at one of Auckland's commercial wharves. One light craft is understood to have rammed the submarine but there was no damage.

Several hundred other demonstrators protesting at the presence of the nuclear-powered warship paraded at the wharf gates. There were no arrests.

The maritime unions have blacked the wharf and will not service the American warship during its six-day stay.

The visit has led to anti-nuclear demonstrations in other centres too. Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister, said today that he had nothing against peaceful protest but he was concerned about the safety of young people protesting in small boats egged on by "woolly headed people".

The Opposition Labour Party is against the visit. Mr Mat Rata, the former Maori Affairs Minister, and two other Labour MPs were among the protesters

Favourite for presiden arrested in Ecuador

Quito, Jan 16.—The Ecuad ian populist leader, Señor Ass Bucaram, was arrested today the "new constitution" favours seemed to have be accepted in yesterday's natio referendum called by the m tary government.

He was detained in Guayaq Ecuador's largest city, where used to be mayor, inform sources said. With 10 oth members of his Concentrati of Popular Forces he w charged with campaigning i the new constitution after t midnight deadline set by t military rulers.

An avowed champion of t poor, Señor Bucaram h announced that he would r for president in the election be held on July 16 under whi ever of the two constitutio won in the referendum.

Sixteen other people, incl ing leaders of the Democra National Union, the Christi Democrats and a faction of t Conservative Party, were a arrested

The referendum was the fi step in the military's program for handing over power civilians. Unofficial retu showed that the new consti tion received 41.94 per cent the 1,509,071 votes cast, agai 33.36 per cent, for a revised v sion of the 1945 constitution.

There were 346,972 cancel ballots, amounting to 22.99 cent, and 25,639, or 1.7 per ce blank votes.

Señor Bucaram is consider favourite to win the presid tial election.

The large number of can led votes was in answer to call by the exiled form president, Señor José Ma Velasco Ibarra. From Buer Aires he advised voters to cr out their ballots.

But the military triumvir said it would interpret a maj ity of cancelled ballots meaning that the people Ecuador wanted military r to continue.

Most political parties as w as the trade unions were f the new constitution. Ecuad has a population of 6,250,0 but illiterates were not allow to vote. Under the new cons tution they will be able to so.—Agence France-Presse.

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Pretoria 'intent on staging bogus Namibia poll'

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

The extent of South Africa's military presence in South-West Africa (Namibia) showed that "an all-out campaign" was being mounted to weaken the South-West Africa Peoples' Organization (Swapo), its representative in London claimed yesterday.

The South African objective, Mr Peter Katjavivi said, was to fragment the movement and then stage "a bogus election".

Swapo was confident it could win an election, but would participate only on condition that South African troops were withdrawn from the country first, he added.

On the evidence of a new film on Namibia, made by an Israeli team, he claimed that South Africa kept a force of between 12,000 and 15,000 soldiers "along the border alone", and was training tribal armies to fight Swapo forces.

Humphrey mourners brave cold

From Trevor Fishlock
St Paul, Minnesota, Jan 16

It was a measure of Hubert Humphrey's ideals, actions, warmth and courage that when his body was returned home to Minnesota for funeral and burial today, great crowds waited through a bitter night and freezing day to bid farewell in an astonishing display of affection for the Senator who died on Friday.

A few days before his death Mr Humphrey asked the pastor of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St Paul that his funeral be a celebration for the people of Minnesota. And so it was. It was an ecumenical service, with President Carter and Vice-President Walter Mondale leading the homage, which included Mr Humphrey's favourite Brahms and Bach pieces, anthems and spirituals.

Although the Senator had requested that there be no eulogies, saying there had been enough for two lifetimes, the two-hour funeral service contained several tributes, some of them long, from political and religious leaders.

Mr Carter talked of Mr Humphrey's concern for people all over the world, and his work for peace. Mr Mondale remarked on the Senator's final return to Minnesota, "the place where his idealism flourished".

Mr Mondale said: "The essence of Hubert Humphrey was his ability to touch an individual's life and make that life better, and more joyous. He loved people in the mass, and loved each human being in an almost saintly way. He had time for everybody which is why he was always late."

People drove from all over the snowy state to file past the bier. Some carried photographs of Mr Humphrey and showed each other letters and notes they had received from him.

Many said they had come because of the Senator's work for civil rights, for his moral stands and because of his concern for peace.

After the service Mr Humphrey's coffin was carried over the Mississippi to Minneapolis, the city that elected him mayor in 1945, and where his political career began. In Lakewood Cemetery, with only relatives and close friends in attendance, he was buried beneath the trees.

Callaghan plea for aid to harness Ganges

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Britain would play a part in any international project to harness the waters of the rivers *Ganges and Brahmaputra*, Mr Callaghan told the Commons yesterday.

In a statement on his return from official visits to the sub-continent the Prime Minister told MPs that he had discussed the idea with President Zia ur Rahman of Bangladesh and Mr Desai, the Indian Prime Minister.

He said that such a project would require international co-operation on a gigantic scale to overcome the physical, financial and political problems and might take 20 years to complete. But because of the important benefits that would result, including the possibility of growing three crops a year in an area where only one could be grown at present, Mr Callaghan urged the governments concerned to agree on an early study of the scheme.

Britain, he said, would gladly lend experts and contribute financially towards a feasibility study. This was an idea to catch the imagination and challenge the resources of the world.

Mr Callaghan also pointed out that the goodwill towards Britain in the sub-continent, and the importance attached there to good relations with it, created good prospects for British firms.

Historic ties: He said he was deeply moved by the affection felt for Britain, especially in India (the Press Association reports).

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India acts to stop smuggling of currency

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, Jan 16

The Desai Government tonight withdrew high denomination bank notes from circulation in a move to curb illegal transfers, black marketeering and smuggling.

A presidential decree withdrawing 1,000-rupee (about £67), 5,000-rupee and 10,000-rupee notes was issued after a secret Cabinet meeting earlier in the day.

People holding the high currency notes will be able to exchange them on Wednesday and Thursday after completing a declaration explaining how the notes came into their possession.

Mrs Mandela in court for sentencing today

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 16

Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of the African nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, appears in court in Bloemfontein tomorrow for sentencing on charges of breaking the banning and house arrest orders restricting her to the town of Brandfort in the remote Orange Free State.

She is accused of attending "gatherings" in violation of the banning order that prohibited her from meeting more than one person at a time, and of visiting other people's homes in defiance of the house arrest order that confined her to her own home from dawn to dusk and throughout weekends and holidays.

Mrs Mandela, whose husband is serving a life sentence in Robben Island prison, was banished to Brandfort last year from Soweto township outside Johannesburg. Before she was officially silenced she was a leading figure in the Black Consciousness movement and in efforts to solve Soweto's school crisis.

In brief

Ford's to stay in S Africa

Cape Town, Jan 16.—The leaders of Ford and BMW said today that their companies planned to stay and expand in the South African market despite pressures to withdraw because of apartheid.

Mr Henry Ford, chairman of Ford, said after meeting Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister: "We are going to stay here in South Africa." In Pretoria, Herr Eberhard von Kuenheim, chairman of BMW, echoed Mr Ford's statement.

Bolivian aides quit

La Paz, Bolivia, Jan 16.—The two top civilian advisers of General Hugo Banzer, the Bolivian head of state, are reported to have resigned as the Government stiffened its resistance to a widespread hunger strike called in support of a demand for a political amnesty.

Aid for Punjab

Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, has approved a grant of £8,600,000 to Pakistan to finance part of a project in Punjab province aimed at improving water use. A grant of £1,563,000 for education in Botswana has also been approved.

Soviet manoeuvres

Moscow, Jan 16.—Soviet land and air forces totalling 25,000 men will take part in exercises in Byelorussia early next month, *the Ministry of Defence* announced. The manoeuvres, codenamed Berezina, will be held in the area of Minsk, Orsha and Polotsk.

British mother shot dead in Zambian town

Lusaka, Jan 16.—Gunmen shot dead a British mother of four, Mrs Anne Caveney, aged 37, as she was leaving a cinema in the Zambian mining town of Luanshya last Saturday. Mrs Caveney's husband Terence, also aged 37, escaped uninjured.

The family has been in Zambia for only eight months. They previously lived in Wales. Mr Caveney is a senior accountant with Roan Consolidated Mines.

A spokesman for the company said the couple had just entered their car when three gunmen wrenched open the door. Mr Caveney forced it shut. The gunmen fired through the windscreen and ran off.—Reuter.

Cambodia border district captured

Bangkok, Jan 16.—Isolated outbreaks of fighting were reported today at several points along the Cambodian-Vietnamese border.

An intelligence service's report said Kompong Trach *district in the north of the* "Parrot's Beak", about 12 miles from the border, had been captured by Vietnamese units.—Agence France-Presse.

Solar energy to benefit Third World proposed

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Jan 16

Direct use of the sun's rays offers the best answer to the energy needs of Third World countries because most of them are in or near the tropics, an international solar energy congress was told at its opening here today.

Dr George Lof, a solar energy expert from Colorado State University, called in his address for the setting up of an international solar energy commission financed by the world's industrial countries with the aim of developing existing solar energy techniques for developing countries.

The principal need for solar energy lay in the Third World because many poor countries faced a shortage of conventional energy and needed to reduce imports of oil or coal, he said.

Taking the case of India where solar energy is available in plenty", Dr Lof suggested that solar power might meet the needs over the next decade of remote villages where it would be prohibitive to put in conventional electricity lines. The villages could then increase their earnings.

Mr Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, emphasized in opening the 50-nation congress that the need was to develop an inexhaustible source of energy "for the benefit of entire mankind". He went on: "Solar energy is one field which a country in the world can monopolize, as is the case with oil or atomic energy".

Furs from Soviet cats and dogs help exports

By Gabriel Ronay

The large quantities of cat and dog skins offered for sale by the Soviet Union used to belong to much loved domestic pets.

Advertisements placed in American trade journals by the Soviet Amtorg Trading Corporation to attract furriers to the forthcoming international fur auction in Leningrad have focused attention on some strange practices by Soyuzpushnina, the Soviet fur-trading organization.

Among the skins offered for sale by Soyuzpushnina this year are white fox, seal, squirrel, hamster and "domestic cat". Of the last-named, 10,000 pelts are being placed at the disposal of discerning buyers.

The advertisements also list in the "raw skins" section 6,000 dog pelts from North Korea.

Although little is known in the West about the fur collecting methods of Soyuzpushnina's local representatives throughout the Soviet Union, the anguish and anger caused by their activities have been reflected periodically in letters of *protest and even articles* published in the provincial Soviet press over the past 10 years or so.

Cat "pogroms" were periodically reported in the towns of Alma Ata, Sukhumi, Kerch and Ufa, where, on the orders of the local health authorities, animals were taken to veterinary clinics and destroyed in the presence of their owners.

In Kharkov, health workers placed special bins in every courtyard in which strays had to be dumped. There were public appeals on television urging cooperation, and assurances that the strays would be collected with the rubbish.

What appears particularly to have enraged Soviet animal lovers was the linking of the profit motive to the gathering of pet skins. In the town of *Siryi, for instance, impecu*nious teenagers must have read with great interest a spate of announcements in the local newspaper stating that "the price of cat's hide has been increased by 50 to 60 per cent. All kolkhoz, cooperative shops and agricultural delivery points accept skins in unlimited quantities".

Some years ago these "excesses" by the local representatives of Soyuzpushnina even brought a warning from the Soviet Government new paper *Izvestia*.

"People determined to fulf their plans are, in spite of th feelings of the population, co verting cruelty into a busine proposition and are actuall pushing the young towar crime. After the appearance i an advertisement in the Sir press, the youthful lovers easy money began patrollin neighbours' and stranger courtyards, where they coul easily grab flayable pets. The have shown little interest i strays...", the newspaper said.

As for dog skins, the stor is just as ugly, to judge fro protest letters. Under the guis of "prophylactic pet control" tens of thousands of dogs ar rounded up from time to time providing a steady source o pelts.

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Football

Chiedozie's skill puts Norwich in no position for reprieve

By Stuart Jones

Norwich City 0 Orient 1

Norwich City, conquerors of Liverpool recently in the league, found Orient, wallowing in the nether regions of the second division, too much of a handful in the FA Cup at Carrow Road last night. The third round replay was decided by a lone goal from Kitchen and Orient now go through to meet Blackburn Rovers.

After a rash of early shots, half a dozen within a dozen minutes, the pattern of the first half was set. Norwich looked left to Neighbour, prompting from the wing, and right to Suggett coming through from midfield. But Orient held firm in the middle and broke with speed from defence.

Orient's targets were the forehead of Mayo and the bootlaces of Kitchen. But Chiedozie, another ebony ball player of untold skill, produced their most inspired move after half an hour. He burst through the middle, dismissing challenges as though swatting flies, and found Mayo on the left. Mayo's cross was side-footed first time by Kitchen and Keelan was forced low to his right to save. From the ensuing corner, Orient were denied a goal only by Sullivan standing on the line.

Norwich's only decisive answer came on the stroke of half-time. Similar in style, it developed through a series of one-touch passes and finished with Bond's swerving 25-yard shot and Jackson was forced to his left to save. From the corner, Norwich, themselves, almost scored, Peters shaving the bar with a header.

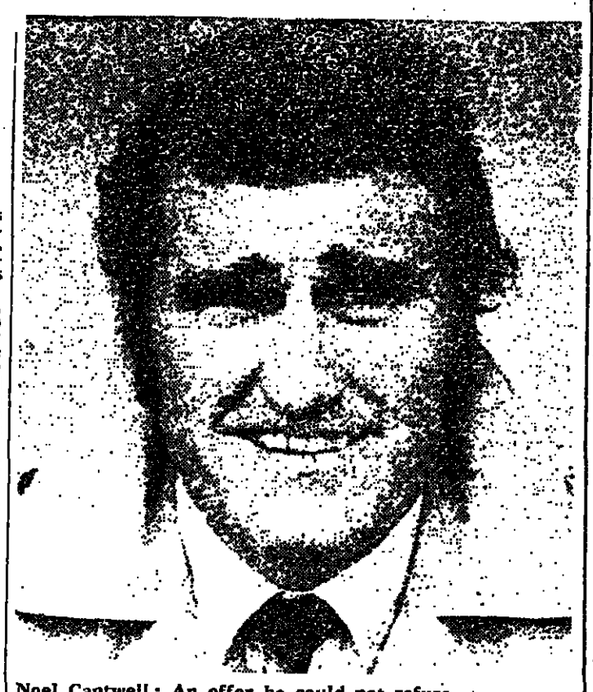
After the interval, Peters, again, and Gibbins went close, but, too often, Norwich walked blindly into Orient's offside trap. The likelihood of Norwich finding the important breakthrough faded into the Norfolk sky. They were hampered too, by an injury to Neighbour, who carried his right leg for most of the second half.

Extra time was only three minutes away when Orient completed their night's work. Chiedozie, always a danger, broke away down the right and curled a low cross onto the edge of the six-yard box. Kitchen was left with the simplest of tasks and made no mistake.

Some 10 days ago, Norwich escaped in injury time in the first encounter. They nearly did so again last night, but Jackson, with an elastic leap, turned away a header from Reeves. It was a sad ending to the cup tale for Norwich, especially for Fleeting, who performed capably in his first appearance at the back.

NORWICH CITY: K. Keelan; K. Bond, C. Sullivan, J. Ryan, J. Fleeting, A. Powell, J. Neijnbour, C. Suggett, R. Gibbins, K. Reeves, M. Peters.

ORIENT: J. Jackson; R. Fisher, W. Roffey, A. Grealish, P. Hoadley, G. Roeder, J. Chiedozie, N. Gray, J. Mayo, P. Kitchen, F. Bennett. Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge).



Noel Cantwell: An offer he could not refuse.

Hardaker aims to stop the 'US cowboys'

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

An official transfer system involving British and North American Soccer League (NASL) clubs and a joint appeals board were among the suggestions considered by Alan Hardaker, the Football League's chief executive, and the NASL commissioner, Phil Woosnam in London yesterday. A meeting was arranged to help end the increasing concern over allegedly illegal approaches to British players by wealthy American clubs.

Mr Hardaker said: "What we are trying to do is not to stop the players making a bob or two during their holidays but to stop the cowboys." He considered that the difficulties began in a small way but added: "It has got out of hand because of the speed with which the North American League is progressing."

He said it was hoped to stop the "illegal" approaches being made by having a joint appeals board. "We want a transfer system similar to what already operates in Britain", he said. This, he thought, would protect clubs on both sides of the Atlantic and he pointed out that when the United States transfer system came into operation on April 1 clubs would need international clearance certificates before players could move. Ted Croker, secretary of the Football Association, said this was of concern to the FA because so many non-league players were going to the United States and their clubs might not realise that certificates were required.

Mr Hardaker has often voiced disapproval at the large number of British players joining American clubs either on short summer contracts or on a permanent basis. Recently he said that if the American clubs would not conform to FIFA international rules they could find themselves "cut out of international football altogether".

The League and many other people involved with the running of football in Britain are especially worried about American clubs claiming that players on loan are fully registered. This problem became more urgent when NASL officials announced that they intended extending their season from five to nine months. This would encourage more British players to take up full-time engagements in the United States.

Mr Woosnam, formerly a Welsh international, was recently reported to have said: "By 1985, 90 per cent of the world's best players will be in the United States." Even if that boast were intended for American consumption, the danger of British and indeed European football being drained of talented players is present. Many still in Britain complain that the tax system is no incentive to remain.

The League are also concerned about the number of leading coaches and some managers being attracted to the United States. Last month Gordon Jago resigned as manager of Millwall to join Tampa Bay Rowdies. The three-year contract was thought to be worth about £120,000. Yesterday Noel Cantwell, formerly Coventry City and Peterborough manager, said he had accepted a £60,000 two-year contract to manage Boston even though he had quietly slipped away from football last year to run a country pub.

Cantwell said: "This offer is just too good to turn down. I will have one million dollars to buy players before our first game against Tampa Bay Rowdies on April 15. Building a team from scratch in just three months will be a race against time but I am very much looking forward to the challenge."

Jim Conway, Manchester City's Republic of Ireland international, signed for Portland Timbers, of the North American League, yesterday for £10,000.

The old course probably never needed its friends more than it does now

A cruel sea hits Royal Cinque Ports

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

Once again the golf club of Royal Cinque Ports has taken a knock from the sea, and taken it on the nose. Since the night of the big storm last week, it has presented an alarmingly maritime appearance, reminiscent of the three other occasions in the past 40 years on which seawater has invaded the course. So far as the course is concerned, this is reckoned locally to have been the worst of the four, but it has struck one month earlier than the worst of the others, in 1938.

By keeping to a steady four miles an hour in bottom gear it was possible to advance along the road to the clubhouse without getting too much water into the brake-drums. The land enclosing the first and second holes and the field beyond, in addition to half the 18th hole from the point where a good second might be played, had become a lake. The slightly raised 18th green had re-emerged and little islands of green which appeared during my visit were evidence that the saltwater was receding.

At the beginning of the week only the first three greens had water on them, and the worst-hit was the third where the top half of the flag-stick protruded like Excalibur out of the water. From the high and dry pulpit tee of the fourth, the shot to the green was playable, but a pond in front of and immediately behind it gave the appearance of a well-designed island green. Indeed, the general impression of the course was as though Trent Jones (the American architect who has a passion for water hazards) had been commissioned to combine a course with a children's boating lake.

Further out the problems changed. The pebble ridge guarding the seventh and eighth holes had been almost flattened, opening up a view of the sea too extensive to be healthy, and shingle had invaded the course. The eighth green had been cleared, but again—it was also true of the 14th—the greenside bunkers filled with water gave the appearance of American island greens.

But by the 11th, the golfer might begin to wonder what all the fuss was about. From there, on the greens are dry, until the 18th, and although there is no doubt of what has been happening, the line of the fairways is clearly discernible. The worst affected area, apart from the 18th, is the hollow short of the 16th green, once referred to by Bernard Darwin as that "valley of inglorious security".

Ruined carpets outside the Chequers Inn are a reminder of a night partly spent by its occupants on the roof as water rose to the top of the tables in the lounge bar, and outside the building, breaking the tenuous link between Deal and Sandwich Bay, subsidence has created a shell crater filled with water across the track. Seeing the flooded farmland inland and order restored from chaos on the town's promenade makes it clear that the golf course was not the scene of the greatest discomfort and anxiety. Nevertheless, golf helps to bring trade to the town, and never more so than in Halford Hewitt Week, the first in April.

The date of the final of that tournament in 1938 was precisely the same, April 9, as it will be this year and although devastation may be worse now, the fact that it happened four weeks earlier this time gives valuable breathing space. It is this which enabled the club president, Jack Aisher, to say that he has little doubt about the tournament being held there this year and also of entertaining in the weeks before it those schools' societies who regularly visit. There may well be scars, but there is confidence that Deal will once again act as host to the public schools' tournament, as it always has done, even in those years, 1938, 1948 and 1953, when the sea broke in. All this is dependent on no further mishaps, in particular on February 10, when the next flood tide is expected.

Even so a lot of work remains to be done and the position is serious enough for a relief fund to have been started by Gordon Taylor, a member of the committee and secretary of the Old Cranleighans, to raise money for the extra staff and the hired machinery that will be needed to drain water, recut bunkers, and clear jetsam off the fairways. There is no doubt that the goodwill of countless players who have represented the 64 schools over the years in the Halford Hewitt will be behind the rescue operation, but something more tangible than that is needed in the next few weeks. The old course has survived more than its share of troubles in the past, but it probably never needed its friends more than it does now.

In the meantime the club has been offered the courtesy of the course at Royal St George's and Prince's, its more fortunate neighbours.

Wrexham could be aiming at No 3 goalkeeper

Peter McDonnell, Liverpool's third string goalkeeper, may stand between Wrexham and a place in the semi-final round of the Football League Cup. McDonnell, whose last match was on November 12, has been alerted because Clemence is doubtful with a knee injury and the understudy, Ogrizovic, is cup-tied. Ogrizovic played in the competition for Chesterfield, before his £75,000 move to Anfield in November.

McDonnell, 25, joined Liverpool from Bury in the summer of 1974 for £20,000 and has since watched Clemence tot up a club record of 325 successive appearances. The chance he has been waiting for will come if Clemence fails a late test on the injury he suffered at West Bromwich on Saturday.

Bob Paisley, the manager, may be torn between a half-fit Clemence and McDonnell, himself ruled out recently by knee trouble. The Wrexham player-manager, Arfon Griffiths, could not conceal his delight at the prospect of facing a Liverpool side lacking Clemence: "It would be a boost for us. Clemence is a world class keeper", he said.

Wrexham are without McNeil, the third division's leading goal scorer, who is ineligible. Lyons, his deputy and a scorer.

Nottingham Forest, four points clear in the league, pursue their treble ambitions in today's other quarter-final round match at Bury. Forest are without three regulars who are all cup-tied. Woods, 18, replaces Shilton and Bowyer steps in for Gemmill—and that leaves Needham's centre-back spot the only problem.

The Bury manager, Bob Stokoe, who guided Sunderland to their 1973 Wembley win against all the odds also delays selection as he plans the demise of another giant.

Madeley will test his injured ankle before Jimmy Armfield names his Leeds side to take on Everton at Elland Road. Everton have Ross ineligible but Buckley fit to resume.

Early goal puts Southampton in right mood

Grimsby 1 Southampton 4

After 210 minutes of goalless FA Cup football, Southampton struck quickly at Leicester last night and went on to hammer Grimsby Town. A goal by Peach after four minutes put Southampton on their way to a fourth round tie at Bristol Rovers. Six minutes before half time Boyer picked up a pass from MacDougall and drove home a second goal from a difficult angle.

Southampton survived some strong second half pressure and at times only the brave goalkeeping of Turner kept the Grimsby strikers at bay.

MacDougall (74 min) and Holmes (87) stretched Southampton's lead to 4-0 before Grimsby broke through with a goal by Waters, their captain.

Yesterday's results

FA Cup, third round replay

Norwich (0) 0 Orient (0) 1
20,421 Kitchen
Winners home to Blackburn.

FA Cup, third round, second replay

Southmptn (2) 4 Grimsby (0) 1
Peach Waters
Boyer 11,356
MacDougall
Holmes
Winners away to Bristol Rovers.

FA TROPHY: First round replays: Altrincham 4, Workington 0: Runcorn 4, Willington 0. SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Worcester 2, Weymouth 3. Southern League South: Tonbridge 1, Ashford 0. RUGBY UNION: Tour match: Hertford 31, De La Salle RFC (Argentina) 16.

FA Trophy draw

The second round draw for the FA Trophy:

DRAW: Atherstone Town v Stafford Rangers or Bromsgrove Rovers; Walthamstow Avenue or Kettering v Chorley; Weymouth v Matlock Town; Dagenham v Crook Town; Tooting and Mitcham United v Lancaster City; Nuneaton Borough v Scarborough or Bangor City; Goole Town v Wycombe Wanderers; Whitby Town v Spennymoor United; Wigan Athletic v Enfield; Merthyr Tydfil v Woking or Gravesend and Northfleet; Willington or Runcorn v Boston United; Hendon v Falmouth Town; Bedford Town v Hednesford Town; Workington or Altrincham v Frickley Athletic; Windsor United v Maidstone or Slough; Leatherhead v Dartford. Ties to be played on February 4.

Greenwood's meeting

Ron Greenwood will meet his England managerial team in London on January 30, the first time he will be able to discuss his plans for the future since being made permanent manager last month.

At the meeting will be Bobby Robson and Don Howe, responsible for the England B side, David Sexton and Terry Venables (under-21) and Ken Burton, Brian Clough and Peter Taylor (youth). Also included in the discussions will be England coaches Bill Taylor, Geoffrey Hurst and the full England FA medical team.

Rugby Union

Paid ranks could be the answer

Cape Town, Jan 16.—South African rugby officials are considering professionalism in the sport here in an attempt to break back into the international arena from which they are barred because of their race policies.

"We will again discuss the matter seriously now. What does it help if we have friends in the international rugby world and they mean nothing to you? It begins to look more and more as though we will have to prepare ourselves for a new era in rugby", Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board said yesterday.

A South African rugby tour of Britain has recently been postponed because of pressure from anti-apartheid campaigners. Dr Craven said that one of the advantages of professional rugby was that unlike the Kerry Packer cricket series, professional rugby teams from different countries could play against each other on an international basis.

Newspapers here suggested that such a series was being planned by a group of New Zealand businessmen and might include players from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Britain and France. No details were given. But sporting observers here thought it likely that players would face instant dismissal from the international rugby board if they began playing the sport professionally.

Dr Craven told reporters that South Africa could not make the move to professional rugby immediately, because of the cost involved. He thought in the interim a compromise could be reached where out-of-pocket expenses for players were increased. He said such a proposal might soon be discussed by the rugby board here, but it was difficult to determine where professionalism began and amateur rugby ended.—Reuter.

Fitzgerald in reserve

Ciaran Fitzgerald (St Mary's College) will be Ireland's reserve hooker for the international championship match against Scotland at Lansdowne Road.

Cotton could miss Wales as well as France game

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

England's prospects for their first rugby international of the season, against France in Paris on Saturday, suffered the nastiest possible jolt yesterday when Fran Cotton, their tight head prop and a cornerstone of the scrummage, withdrew from the side with a knee injury sustained in a heavy tackle during a practice game at Bisham Abbey on Sunday. The news may be even gloomier, because it seems probable that he will also miss the match against Wales, at Twickenham, a fortnight later.

There was a considerable swelling on the joint when Cotton took off his bandages yesterday morning. On the advice of Dr John Lansbury, a former Sale and county hooker who is now enjoying life with his club second XV, Cotton consulted an orthopaedic specialist at Wythenshawe Hospital who confirmed that he had torn the medial ligament. Cotton's right knee was then put into "a back splint", which should remain in position for a fortnight.

When I spoke to Cotton last evening, he said that he felt a bit like Long John Silver. "It's really sickening", he added, "to get yourself to peak fitness and then to finish in a heap on a training weekend. If I can't get back into action by Saturday, which just doesn't seem on the cards, I don't see how the selectors can seriously consider me for the Welsh game." Cotton's successor in Paris will be announced today. Barry Nelmes, of Cardiff, has been selected already as the reserve prop, but, as he is playing all his football these days at loose head, the selectors may well decide to bring in someone else.

There are plenty of precedents for so doing and that player, as suggested yesterday, ought to be the most widely experienced of all the tight-head candidates, Mike Burton, of Gloucester, who won the last of his 15 caps two seasons ago.

Burton did not figure in the final trial at all—not even when Cotton withdrew from it, and Bert Greaves, of Moseley, was promoted to the senior side. He had played in the two divisional matches, but for the Rest XV at Twickenham the selectors chose the Redruth prop and Cornwall captain, Terry Pryor.

England's tight head prop in Paris will be opposed directly to the formidable Gerard Cholley in a powerful French front row. Scrummage solidity surely must be the first requirement, and there will be widespread astonishment among players generally if the selectors do not now have second thoughts.

There is rather more encouraging news about the new full back, David Caplan, another casualty at England's training weekend. He says his groin strain has reacted well to ultrasonic and heat treatment. After further treatment, he will have a runout tomorrow to see if he can meet the deadline set by the selectors.

Park looking for opponents

Rosslyn Park are seeking opponents for next Saturday as the result of a fixture mix up with Aberavon. Park thought they would be meeting the Welsh club at Roehampton and the fixture was printed in the Rugby Union handbook issued at the start of this season.

However, when Peter Berryman, the match secretary, made a weekend check he discovered that Aberavon did not realise the game had been arranged for this date. Jimmy Freeman-Edmundsen, a Park official, said: "It now means we need to fix up a game quickly so as not to disappoint our supporters."

He added: "We think the confusion may have arisen because we normally play Aberavon on the morning of the England v Wales international. This time the fixture is a fortnight later, but the Welsh may have been expecting to come to us then."

Tennis

ITF to pick world champions

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

A year hence, panels of judges appointed by the International Tennis Federation will select official world champions for both sexes. Their deliberations will be based on results in seven events for each sex. These are the "grand slam" tournaments (those of France, Wimbledon, the United States and Australia), the men's and women's team championships for the Davis Cup and Federation Cup, the climactic tournaments of the international circuit (the men's grand prix Masters and the women's Colgate series championships) and the play-off series which end two early-season circuits—the men's World Championship Tennis tour and the women's Virginia Slims circuit.

The choice of these events is an interesting statement of priorities and preferences. They are the fixtures of paramount importance to the ITF. The "grand slam" tournaments and the Davis Cup carry the weight of tradition. The rest have all been born since 1963 but have firmly established a distinguished status. The ITF are respecting tradition and trying to consolidate it while recognizing that five modern tournaments have, as it were, earned substantive promotion.

The selecton of panel members, though superficially impressive, is more vulnerable to criticism. The chairman of both panels will be Philippe Chatrier of France, the ITF president. The men's panel will consist of Donald Budge, Lew Hoad and Fred Perry and the women's panel will consist of Margaret Court, Margaret Dupont and Ann Jones. Australia, Britain and the United States will be represented on both panels, which is geographically comprehensive.

Nor can there be any quibbling with the experience and playing records of the chosen few. There remains, though, a small doubt whether these famous players spend enough time on the circuit these days to evaluate relative form should hairline decisions be necessary.

"We decided to start naming an official world champion because we were tired of seeing a proliferation of so-called unofficial champions, especially in the United States", Mr Chatrier said. "From now on everyone will know who is the real and only champion." There will be no direct financial reward for the champions, though their ensuing status will obviously help them to expand their incomes by means of endorsement contracts and the like. There is nothing the ITF can do about that. They decided against prize money, Mr Chatrier said, because "we don't want to get caught up in the increasing commercialism of the sport." So sponsorship will not be allowed, though the champions may be awarded trophies. Nor will the seven events be linked by any points system. It was reasonably felt that this would put some players at a disadvantage because, no matter how good they may be, the lack of a comparable quality of support in team championships would prevent them from going far. On the other hand it would have been absurd to ignore the team events.

The ITF are also to issue a world ranking list for 10 juniors of each sex based on their five best results in selected events.

A committee of the ITF have submitted a report on the banned "spaghetti" racket. But they are to be given time for further studies of racket technology and will then draft a proposed new rule to be submitted to the ITF general assembly at Stockholm in July. It could be argued that the ITF have tackled this question the wrong way round: that the best way to study the potential effects of the "spaghetti" racket would have been to allow its use at all levels of competition before deciding whether a ban was necessary. In this same area of bans, the ITF have rejected a Romanian appeal against Ilie Nastase's suspension from Davis Cup competition in 1978.

All the men's events, except the United States championship and the Masters, are contested throughout over the best of five sets. The ITF hope asked the two dissidents to fall into line, implying that a failure to do so must affect the importance attached to these tournaments.

An ITF delegation consisting of Mr Chatrier and representatives of Austria, Jamaica and Morocco are to spend nine days in South Africa next month. After this further investigation of the way in which tennis and other sports are affected by the apartheid laws they will report to the management committee and the general assembly in turn.

Skiing

Lauberhorn downhill event called off in bad weather

Wengen, Switzerland, Jan 16.—The Lauberhorn men's downhill ski race, a highlight of the World Cup season which was due to take place here this weekend, has been called off because of continuing bad weather. The organizers said gale force winds, blowing snow in blizzards across the track, made racing impossible today.

The event, the fourth downhill of the season, had already been postponed from Saturday until Sunday and then until today as winds swept across the Bernese Oberland. The skiers' crowded world cup schedule meant it could not be put back no longer.

It is only the fifth time in nearly half a century that the Lauberhorn event has been called off. In 1971, it was moved to St Moritz because of bad weather here. Franz Klammer, the Austrian downhill expert, and winner of the race over the past three seasons, had the fastest practice time yesterday, but over a shortened course because of the blizzards at the top of the Lauberhorn Mountain.

Storms and melting snow made more preparations of the piste impossible, the officials said. Annemarie Moser, of Austria, whose downhill successes this year included a victory at Les Diablerets, Switzerland, last Friday despite a mild attack of influenza, is not affected by the cancellation here because she has already won the maximum downhill points for this season.

But the cancellation of the Lauberhorn men's race is bad news for the Austrian Olympic gold medal winner Franz Klammer, who badly needs another event to make up recent losses. He was beaten twice in the last downhills by the Italian, Herbert Plank. The officials said the women's downhill scheduled here for Wednesday would take place on a shortened piste.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Zermayeur	90	193	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	0
Good skiing everywhere							
Davos	40	95	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	-3
Most runs in good condition							
Saline	40	150	Fair	Crust	Good	Fine	-8
Upper slopes windswept							
Obdihel	25	60	Fair	Crust	Fair	Fine	2
Worn areas on lower slopes							
Les Arcs	90	150	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-2
Excellent skiing conditions							
Les Menuires	95	260	Good	Varied	Good	Fair	-6
Few runs open, high winds							
Mas-Fee	120	200	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	0
Most runs open							
Mefeld	20	50	Fair	Crust	Fair	Cloud	4
Worn patches above 1500 metres							
Val d'Isère	180	350	Good	Crust	Good	Cloud	-1
Avalanche risk, few runs open							
Engen	20	50	Fair	Crust	Fair	Cloud	2
Upper slopes still windswept							

The above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
SYRIA					
Bach	15	40	Good	—	-3
Igalstein	15	40	Good	—	0
Wang	70	100	Good	—	-4
nd	50	120	Good	—	-4
gellen	60	150	Good	—	-4
hsolden	40	140	Good	—	-4
gl	50	110	Good	—	-4
Run	—	70	Good	—	-10
n	70	110	Good	—	-5
ty	50	100	Good	—	-5
rhoten	10	70	Good	—	-5
erndorf	90	180	Good	—	-4
rgurgl	80	200	Good	—	-4
ibach	40	95	Good	—	-4
ens	10	70	Good	—	-5
ischenau	—	80	Good	—	-4
NCE					
d Huez	70	150	Good	Sun	—
eaux	50	250	Good	Sun	—
Claux	53	110	Good	Cloud	—
Sorbier	50	150	Good	Cloud	—
Deux Alpes	80	250	Good	Cloud	—
ve	25	100	Good	Sun	—
ine	50	150	Good	Sun	—
Loup	115	230	Good	Cloud	—
St Gervais	50	90	Good	Sun	—
Superdévoluy	50	170	Hard	Cloud	—
ITALY					
Abetone	60	90	Good	—	—
Bardonecchia	170	340	Good	—	—
Canazei	50	300	Good	—	—
Cervinia	200	300	Good	—	—
Claviere	300	360	Good	—	—
Cortina	90	140	Good	—	—
Corvara	80	120	Good	—	—
Livigno	60	90	Good	—	—
Marcinaige	320	400	Good	—	—
Madesimo	140	250	Good	—	—
Madonna di C	140	250	Good	—	—
San Martino	100	170	Good	—	—
Selva	60	90	Good	—	—
Sestriere	320	345	Good	—	—
Vipiteno	20	150	Good	—	—
NORWAY					
Finse	120	150	Good	—	-12
Geilo	60	70	Good	—	-8
Gol	50	50	Good	—	-16
Lillehammer	90	90	Good	—	-5
Norefjell	95	150	Good	—	-5
Oslo	60	80	Fair	—	-5
Rjukan	70	65	Good	—	-5
Voss	90	100	Good	—	-5

American fooball

Dallas Cowboys shoot to Superbowl win

New Orleans, Jan 16.—The "Doomsday defence" of the Dallas Cowboys forced seven first half turnovers, leading the Cowboys to a 27—10 victory over the Denver Broncos in the Superbowl before 75,400 people in the Superdrome.

The Cowboys, who won the 1972 Superbowl, went ahead to a 13—0 lead early in the second quarter on the strength of a four-yard run by Dorsett and two field goals by Herrera.

Despite the seven turnovers, the Broncos trailed by only 13—0 at halftime, and narrowed the gap to 13—3 early in the third quarter on a field goal by Turner.

Dallas regained command of the game a short time later when Staubach, a quarter back, passed 45 yards to Johnson to give the Cowboys an insurmountable 20—3 advantage.

Boxing

Galindez may be forced to miss a date

Buenos Aires, Jan 16.—Victor Galindez's doctor said today that the World Boxing Association light heavyweight champion will have to postpone his title defence on February 15 against Jesse Burnett, of the United States, because of injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

Dr Rodolfo Paladino said Galindez cut on the left knee became leg, and bruised both arms when he took a spill while riding his motorcycle last Thursday.

The injuries are not serious but the cut on the left knee became infected because of contact with Galindez's sweatsuit when he tried to work out on Saturday, Paladino said. He said that the boxer was taking antibiotics and resting until the cuts healed. There was no official announcement of a postponement from the WBA—UPI.

Today's football

LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final round (7.30): Bury v Nottingham Forest; Wrexham v Liverpool. THIRD DIVISION (7.30): Sheffield Wednesday v Exeter City; Walsall v Tranmere Rovers. SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnet v Hastings (7.30). First division: South: Crawley v Bognor Regis (7.30). FA TROPHY: First round replays: Slough Town v Maidstone; Bangor City v Scarborough; Bromsgrove v Stafford Rangers; Gravesend v Woking; Altrincham v Workington. ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Harlow v Ilford. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Crystal Palace under 19 v England Youth XI. RUGBY UNION: Pontypridd v Pontypool (7.30).

Athletics

Coghlan beats an unfit Walker in mile race

Sydney, Jan 16.—John Walker, of New Zealand, the world record holder, was beaten by Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan in the mile at an international meeting here tonight. After Coghlan had won in 4min 1.1sec, Walker said that his training had been disrupted by a mystery leg injury. He would undergo an operation before preparing for the Commonwealth Games in Canada in August, he said.

World records were never in danger on a slow, rain-soaked track but the 10,000 crowd saw a thrilling win for Raelene Boyle, a local girl, in the 100 metres. She beat the Olympic champion, Annegret Richter, of West Germany, in 11.3sec.

Later, Miss Boyle beat another Montreal gold medal winner, Poland's Ireena Szewinska, to win the 400 metres in a local record time of 52.6sec. Asked if she would now concentrate on the longer event, Miss Boyle, aged 26, said: "I suppose I'm getting a little old for sprints now. My immediate aim is to qualify for the Commonwealth Games team in Canada where I can possibly win a few more medals." She has completed the 100 and 200 metres double at both the 1970 Edinburgh and 1974 Christchurch Commonwealth Games, and added that she might have to concentrate on the 400 for the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

A dejected John Walker was less optimistic about his future. "There's no way I could run in Canada like this."

MEN: 100 metres: D. Quarrie (Jamaica), 10.3sec. 200m: Quarrie, 21.6. 800m: J. Higham, 1.52.2. Mile: E. Coghlan (Ireland), 4.01.1; 4, D. Moorcroft (GB), 4.03.9. 6,000m: R. Dixon (NZ), 15.59.9. Shot: W. Komar (Poland), 19.10 metres.

WOMEN: 100m: R. Boyle, 11.3. 200m: D. Wells, 23.9. 400m: Boyle, 52.6. Mile: M. Decker (US), 4.40.1. —Reuter.

More than £1m needed for British teams

A target of more than £1m has been set to send Britain's sportsmen to this year's Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada, the winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid and the 1980 Moscow Olympics. The Commonwealth Games appeals committee and their British Olympic equivalent hope to raise £400,000 and £750,000 respectively through public, commerce and industry donations.

One method of raising the money was announced in London yesterday. Special Belgian-made Commonwealth and Olympic medallions in silver and gold will go on sale at prices ranging from £17.50 to £54. The appeals funds will receive 15 per cent of the profit on sales.

One reason for the substantial sum required is that Britain sends such large teams to the two events, a policy with which Geoff Capes who attended yesterday's meeting expressed disagreement.

Badminton

Mrs Whittaker chosen for England team

Susan Whittaker, of Lancashire, will make her first appearance for England in the badminton international against Scotland at Edinburgh on Thursday. She has been teamed with Jane Webster, of Suffolk, for the women's doubles.

England have never been defeated by Scotland in 49 matches, although last year's 5—2 result was the closest for 25 years.

ENGLAND: Singles: D. Talbot, K. Jolly; Miss P. Kirkman: Doubles: D. Eddy and Talbot; P. Bullivant and M. Tredgett; Miss Webster and Mrs S. Whittaker; Tredgett and Miss A. Statt.

SCOTLAND: R. Condway, A. Dawson, W. Gilliland, G. Hamilton, J. Ansari, P. Gow, Mrs J. Flockhart, Mrs C. Stewart, Miss P. Hamilton, M. Wilks, K. Bridge and K. Whiting will be added to the England team for the Scottish Championships in Edinburgh on Friday and Saturday.

Stevens helps Europeans to win in Japan

Tokyo, Jan 16.—A European team beat the all Japanese selection 6—4 today in the seventh international meeting held at two Japanese cities. At Kyoto, in south-western Japan, the Europeans easily won the men's and women's singles, but lost the men's doubles and one of the two women's doubles matches.

Ray Stevens, of Britain, beat Kinji Zenya, 15—12, 15—12 in the men's singles and Lene Koeppen, of Denmark, defeated Saori Kondo 11—2, 11—8 in the women's singles. In the men's doubles, the British pair of Stevens and Edward Sutton lost to the Japanese team of Shoichi Togano and Nobutaka Ikeda, 9—15, 15—6, 10—15.

At the north-western Japanese city of Niigata, the European team also beat the Japanese, 3—2, taking the men's singles, one of the two men's doubles matches and women's doubles. Flemming Delfs, of Denmark, the 1977 world men's singles champion, beat Masao Tsuchida 15—10, 15—8 in the men's singles, and Nora Perry, of Britain lost to Emiko Ueno, 6—11, 4—11 in the women's singles.—Agence France-Presse.

Ice hockey

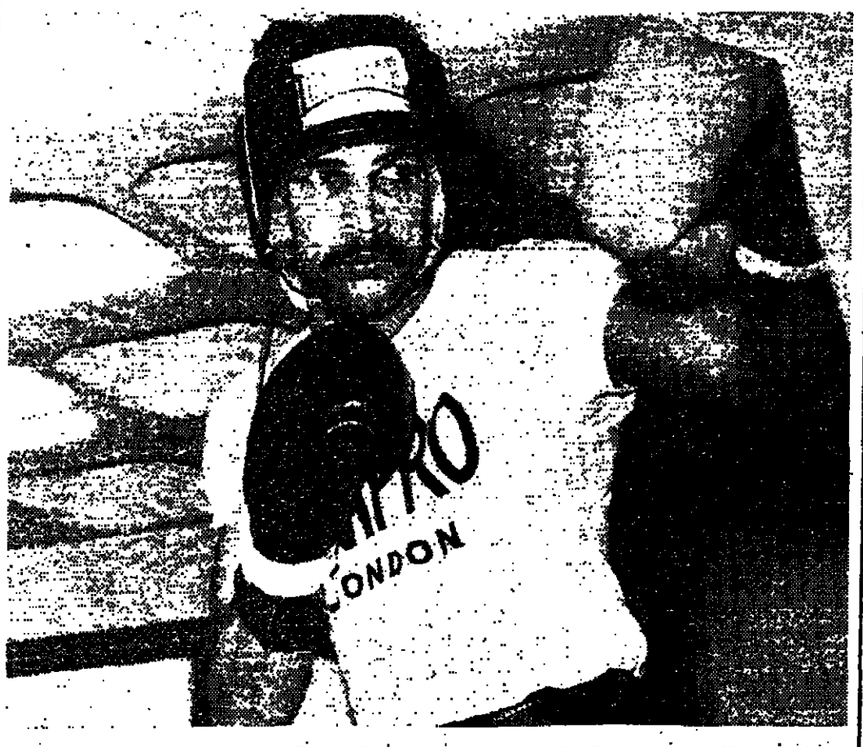
WORLD ASSOCIATION: Edmonton Oilers 4, Winnipeg Jets 3: Cincinnati Stingers 6, Quebec Nordiques 3.

Skiing

STOWE, Vermont: World professional downhill championship: 1, J. Hunter (Canada); 2, F. Parpaschel (Switzerland); 3, A. Arnold (Austria).

Borg easily beaten

Stockholm, Jan 16.—Ingemar Stenmark, who has virtually clinched his third successive World Cup title, has been named athlete of the year in Sweden. He received 210 votes, and Bjorn Borg, the tennis player, was runner-up with 141.—AP.



Fight for fitness: John Conteh prepares for his bout with Joe Cokes, younger brother of Curtis Cokes, scheduled to take place at the Sobell Centre, London, on February 7.

SPORT

Cricket

Question of serving two masters leaves Test players divided

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Karachi, Jan 16

There was little warmth to the welcome Pakistan's three Packer players, Imran Khan, Zaheer Abbas and Mushtaq, were given when they turned up for practice with the rest of the Test squad at the National Stadium here this afternoon. They were told, among other things, that Wasim Bari, the captain of the team, would be proposing to the selection committee that no one should be chosen for Wednesday's Test match against England without having first given a written undertaking to be available to play for Pakistan at any time in the next two years.

This is the Pakistan players' way of endorsing the stand taken yesterday by the England team in their statement deploring the idea of players contracted to world series cricket (that is the Packer circus) being considered for selection in official Test matches. If the Pakistan board want a united team they should read the signs and do as Bari suggests. At the nets today Pakistan were divided among themselves. Wasim Raja, so upset to learn that he was likely to lose his place to Mushtaq, had cut off his beard; he batted as though he had ceased to care, and talked of giving up the game.

What the Pakistan selectors will do is something which they may not even decide themselves. As so often happens here there could come a directive from on high. They can be in little doubt, though, about what is best for world cricket, and in the long run for their own. Pakistan are due to tour England this summer, to entertain West Indies in Pakistan next winter, to play in the World Cup in England in 1979 and to receive Australia in 1979-80 —provisionally at any rate. Being under contract to Mr Packer, for up to three years, Mushtaq, Imran and Zaheer will be on the spot if Wasim Bari gets his way. There is no chance of their serving two masters, which is something the West Indian board, as well as the board in Pakistan, have yet to accept.

The pitch for Wednesday's Test match is being prepared by the same groundsman who did the job in Lahore and Hyderabad. It looks the same and is expected to play the same, which means that it is completely bare and will be slow. The one difference is that this third one is more cracked, and therefore has more the appearance of a jigsaw puzzle that the other two.

This morning, as the ground staff rolled it and two enchanting donkeys pulled a hand mower across the outfield, Boycott conducted his first practice as captain. He was in his element. His vice-captain is Willis, the wit of the party and a great trier. The place left vacant on the tour committee by Brearley's departure is not to be filled, which means that the Test sides will be chosen by Boycott, Barrington, Willis and Taylor.

Clive Radley, who is due here from Sydney early tomorrow morning, is less likely to play on Wednesday now. It is known that he has not been getting a lot of cricket in Australia. He has mostly been coaching. Boycott was keen to have Radley in Karachi in case he had been playing, which is why he is not making the much simpler journey from Sydney to Auckland where the team fly to tomorrow week.

Today's invalids are Hendrick, who has been more unwell than well on this tour, Miller and Old, Hendrick with a cold, Miller and Old with something more gastric. A fit Old would almost certainly play in the Test match, in place of Lever or one of the three spin bowlers. Although he has rather lost his bowling, temporarily that is, Miller is a good enough batsman to keep his place. Such is the proprietorial interest being taken by both Barrington and Boycott in the bowling of Edmonds that the likeliest of the three spinners to drop out, should one have to do so, is Cope.

A particular irony of Brearley's misfortune is that it would probably not have happened had he not insisted on yesterday's match being played off full run-ups. The opposition wanted limited run-ups, because of their weaker fast bowling; Brearley pressed the point so as to get Willis a proper workout. Off shortened runs Sikander Bakht might never have got the ball which did the damage to lift as it did.

There had also been some discussion about the ball. The umpires brought out a ball made in Pakistan, which is much harder than an English ball and so tends to knock the bats about. Brearley and Boycott had it changed to an English ball; but that, too, was too hard for a fierce blow on one of the most vulnerable and exposed of a batsman's bones. Such was the crack when the ball hit the bone that Bernard Thomas, the team's physiotherapist, knew when he heard it that Brearley's tour was ended.



A sad homecoming for Michael Brearley, England's cricket captain, who broke his left arm in Pakistan.

Brearley gives reasons for statement in Karachi

England's cricket captain, Michael Brearley flew back to London yesterday with his broken left arm in a sling, and hurried away from Heathrow airport to see a doctor. Brearley's arm was broken by a rising ball bowled by the Pakistani bowler, Sikandar Bakht during a one-day match against a Sind XI.

As he walked from the aircraft Brearley said: "The arm feels all right now—it is not too uncomfortable. It was a clean break and the arm has been straightened and reset. I decided to come home because I might need a pin in it to get it completely straight. I intend to see a doctor about it today.

"The doctors in Pakistan say that it will be three months before I am playing again."

Brearley refused to make any more comment on his statement in Karachi that the English touring team were unanimously against players contracted to Kerry Packer being considered for selection in official Test matches. Brearley said: "I have nothing more to add to the statement I made in Pakistan."

But he gave his reasons in a later interview for issuing the Packer statement before leaving Pakistan. He said: "It it not up to Packer to decide who plays in Test matches. The statement was to show the players' feelings. If you have been playing a very hard and arduous Test match it seems wrong to me that your place could be taken by people released by Packer."

Richards saves World XI as Walker strikes

Sydney, Jan 16.—Max Walker, with seven for 88, had the World XI reeling on the third day of their world series match against an Australian XI here today. Only a superb century from Richards, of the West Indies prevented the Australians building a commanding lead.

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings, 304 (B. Laird 105; M. Procter 4 for 53).
Second Innings

B. A. Laird, b 8-w, b *Roberts*	..	5
K. B. McCosker, b Procter	..	35
I. M. Chappell, not out	..	0
R. G. Lander, not out	..	4
Extras (b 6 l)	..	1
Total (2 wkts)	..	15

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—8.
BOWLING: Roberts, 2-6—1—9—1; Procter, 2—1—3—1.

WORLD XI: First Innings

R. C. Fredericks, c Marsh, b Gilmour	..	4
B. A. Richards, b Gilmour	..	6
C. A. Greenidge, c Marsh, b Walker	..	22
I. V. Richards, c Gilmour, b Walker	..	119
C. H. Lloyd, c I. Chappell, b Walker	..	1
A. W. Greig, c I. Chappell, b Walker	..	38
A. P. Kaeli, b Gilmour	..	2
M. J. Procter, c Marsh, b Walker	..	10
A. M. Roberts, c Marsh, b Walker	..	23
J. J. Garner, c Laird, b Walker	..	3
D. L. Underwood, not out	..	5
Extras (b 5)	..	5
Total	..	260

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—52, 3—55, 4—124, 5—218, 6—237, 7—255, 8—255, 9—274.
BOWLING: Prior, 11—1—66—0; Gilmour, 25—2—105—3; Walker, 23.5—7—88—7; Bright, 4—1—21—0; I. Chappell, 6—1—9—0.

Gaekwad scores century on first appearance

Newcastle, Australia, Jan 16.—Anshuman Gaekwad, who, flown out from India as a replacement for the injured Surinder Amarnath, scored an undefeated century against Northern New South Wales in his first match here today and steered the Indian cricketers to a nine-wicket victory on the third and final day of their three-day match.

Northern New South Wales, who were 125 for six overnight, managed only another 58, leaving the Indians to score 171 for victory. Ghavri, with four for 49, and Prasanna, four for 29, were the best of the Indian bowlers.

Madan Lal joined Gaekwad, and did his best to allow Gaekwad to reach his hundred.

A single took Gaekwad to 99 and brought the scores level, with Madan Lal playing out the remainder of the over by O'Brien, Northern's captain. Hill, then came on to bowl against Gaekwad. Gaekwad skied the first ball to mid-off where Allen fumbled the catch. Meanwhile the batsmen had crossed for the single to clinch victory and bring up Gaekwad's well deserved hundred.

SCORES: Northern New South Wales, 203 and 183 (E. A. S. Prasanna 4 for 29, K. Ghavri 4 for 49); India, 216 and 171 for 1 (A. Gaekwad 100 not out).—Reuter.

No mistaking lenient Schweppes treatment for Comedy of Errors

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The Schweppes Gold Trophy was a controversial race from the second that it was launched at Liverpool in 1963 and it has continued in that vein ever since. The publication of the weights for this year's race, which will be run at Newbury on February 11, has already given plenty of food for thought and provoked inevitable arguments.

The two main points of contention are the handicapping of Comedy of Errors and Kybo, both of whom have been allotted 10st 12lb. As a former champion hurdler who has won very nearly £100,000 in prize money, Comedy of Errors looks leniently treated. Whether the handicapper has made a fool of himself or assessed the horse correctly in the present light will become clearer at Haydock Park on Saturday when Comedy of Errors is due to carry precisely the same weight that he has been given in the Schweppes in the Embassy Handicap Hurdle.

There is little doubt that Comedy of Errors is not the force that he was once, but whether the handicapper is justified in dropping him quite so far is definitely open to question. After all he did give Acquaint 5lb and an eight-length beating in the National Spirit Challenge Trophy at Fontwell Park last February and Acquaint did go on to win the Imperial Cup at Sandown Park the following month carrying 11st 2lb. Yet in the Schweppes Acquaint (11st 3lb) has actually been set to give Comedy of Errors 5lb.

In defending the stand that he has taken the handicapper can say that Comedy of Errors has been thrashed twice over hurdles since he beat Acquaint. Yet it is possible to argue that neither race was a fair reflection of the horse. At Cheltenham in March he finished lame at the end of the Lloyds Bank Hurdle, which was in any case run over three miles, and his recent race at Windsor was his first over hurdles of the current season—his only other race being a steeplechase two months earlier.

On the face of things it would seem that the handicapper could well have been too hasty in dropping Comedy of Errors down the ladder so far. Hopefully Saturday's race will enlighten us further. The decision to give Kybo only 10st 12lb in the Schweppes has already had repercussions far and wide because Josh Gifford's five-year-old has been the subject of a gamble and he is now firmly embedded as favourite. Having ridden the winner of the face four times during the good old days of his link with Ryan Price, Gifford ought to know better than most what sort of horse is necessary to win what is widely regarded as one of the most difficult races of the season.

Originally Gifford intended bypassing Newbury and training Kybo for the Champion Hurdle, but he has changed his mind because he is attracted by the weight that his horse has been allotted. When weighing up Kybo's chance of winning at Newbury it is surely pertinent to think that any horse deemed good enough by his trainer to take part in the Champion Hurdle of all races ought to be good enough to make his presence felt in a handicap carrying only 10st 12lb. That is certainly the way that Gifford is looking at things and there is ground for thinking that his horse does have a sporting chance of landing the spoils at Newbury with that racing weight.

The Triumph Hurdle was very much the talking point at Wolverhampton yesterday after Connaught Ranger had won the Stourbridge Hurdle and it is likely to be the main topic of conversation again at Wetherby this afternoon when two other unbeaten four-year-olds, Urser and Royal Legend, clash in the second division of the Healaugh Novices' Hurdle. With victories at Teesside Park and Market Rasen to his credit, Urser has already provoked some skirmishing on the ante-post front and yesterday Hills, Ladbrokes and the Tote all reported him being well backed and laid at 16-1.

The Tote are still prepared to lay 40-1 against Royal Legend winning the Triumph, but Hills and Ladbrokes are adopting a rather more cautious approach and going 25-1 and 33-1, respectively. What is clear is that Royal Legend's price will be clipped if he manages to beat Urser this afternoon. A fascinating aspect of the race is that the two are trained by Michael and Peter Easterby, respectively, and that each of those successful brothers is equally confident of winning.

All in all it promises to be a needle affair. Royal Legend is getting 7lb from his arch-rival this afternoon. That could easily tip the scales in his favour and enable John O'Neill to take another step towards becoming the next champion jockey under National Hunt rules.

STATE OF GOING (official): Wetherby: Soft. Wolverhampton: Good to soft. Market Rasen (tomorrow): Soft. Plumpton (tomorrow): Heavy.



Cabar Feidh clears the last fence on his way to victory from Little Gnat at Wolverhampton.

Connaught Ranger in form for Triumph

Connaught Ranger's Triumph Hurdle odds were cut by Hills from 12-1 to 8-1 after the four-year-old had followed up his impressive first appearance at Doncaster with another easy victory in the Stourbridge Hurdle at Wolverhampton yesterday. The other big firms still offer 10-1.

Jim McCaughey's chestnut, bought at Newmarket for 8,400 guineas on the same day as the Warwickshire owner acquired the weekend winner, Norfolk Air, for 29,000 guineas, will have at least one more race before Cheltenham, Fred Rimell said.

The Kinnersley trainer was fortunate in having both stable jockeys at the meeting. John Burke, due to partner Connaught Ranger, was not fit to partner the colt after an earlier fall, and Colin Tinkler was there to deputise. Tinkler's brother, Nigel, came in for his first ride for the Rimell stable on Colin's intended mount in the race, Albion Prince.

Connaught Ranger began to cut Pine Brook's leade soon after halfway and jumped to the front two flights out. Big Ben fell when within about two lengths of the odds-on favourite at the last, leaving Connaught Ranger to win by 12 lengths from Persian Crown.

Michael Dickinson said that Big Ben would not have won in any case. Persian Crown, who lost his place at the sixth ran on again going to the last, and will be entered for the Triumph, Bob Turnell, the trainer said.

Colin Tinkler made it a double for Rimell, when again deputising for Burke, he successfully partnered Don Pasqualo in the South Bank Handicap Steeplechase, in which the favourite, The Clerk, unseated Paul Barton with a circuit to go.

Cabar Feidh could have run at Warwick on Saturday but was saved for the first division of the Molineux Street Novices' Steeplechase which he won fairly comfortably. His task was made easier when Nigel Tinkler's stirrup broke and he was unseated from Law Society when level with the winner at the fifteenth.

Brooke Sanders had her second success under National Hunt rules when she brought Gay Season (33-1) with a fine run from the last, to capture the Waterloo Road Handicap Hurdle by a length for the Horsham trainer, Hugh O'Neill. Miss Sanders's other jumping winner also started at 33-1—Clothes Line at Folkestone in November.

Amateur wins after most go wrong way

Weeny Bopper sprang a 50-1 shock in a first race fiasco at Chepstow yesterday when 12 of the 14 runners took the wrong course to the disgust of a jeering crowd.

Angry jockeys blamed the ground staff for sending them the wrong way at the intersection of the hurdles and steeplechase courses nearing the end of the back straight. But the former champion, John Francome, on Golden Spice, and a 19-year-old amateur, Paul Webber, on Weeny Bopper, were not fooled. Taking the correct route, they had it to themselves all the way up the straight and Weeny Bopper eventually outstayed Golden Spice to win by 20 lengths.

Graham Thorner on Lucky Louise and Brian Forsey on Quantock Streaker soon realised their error, pulled up, and went back to the hurdle course to claim third and fourth places.

A furious Bob Champion, who tried to make all the running on heavily-backed Hunter's Joy, said: "They were moving the dolls as we got there and stopped us going on the right track. There was no way the whole field could have gone through." Jeff King, who was pressing the leader on Main Chance, agreed: "They had the dolls in the right position then moved them. We had no alternative." Ron Atkins, on Persian Scimitar, added: "They blocked the hurdle course right off."

Brian Forsey, who went back on Quantock Streaker, said: "One of the ground staff actually waved us off the hurdles course. I knew immediately we had gone wrong, but it takes a long time to pull up".

The clerk of the course John Hughes said, "It was set up correctly when I went round and it was still set up correctly when my assistant foreman checked five minutes before the race". The stewards delayed their inquiry until after the last race, then referred the case to the stewards of the ockey Club. The senior steward at Chepstow yesterday, John Cahmberlayne, said: "It may seen unfair, but there is no question of declaring a race void even if only one completes the course".

Weeny Bopper, who paid 225-1 on the Tote, was a first winning ride for Anthony Webber's 19-year-old brother, Paul, a six footer who hopes to be a trainer. He arrived two hours before racing and walked the course. His father, the Banbury trainer John Webber, said: "I've always banged on about jockeys walking the course and this time it has paid off".

Weeny Bopper, a failure at stud, was running her first race since Webber leased her to an Oxford based syndicate of six. The Regentri Trophy at Stratford-on-Avon is now her target.

Wetherby programme

1.0 TOCKWITH HURDLE (Handicap: £512: 2m)

1	000100	Limpopo (D), J. Berry, 6-12-0	J. J. O'Neill	7
2	00-2021	Rust Borough (D), D. Doyle, 6-11-13	J. Doyle	6
3	6-20000	Veno Star, W. Smith, 5-11-5	Mr D. Metcalfe	7
4	00p-000	Bay Corniche, N. Chamberlain, 5-10-9	B. Ashridge	7
10	400r0-0	Sovereign Charger, D. Aaron, 6-10-8	G. Kersey	7
11	300-000	The Schemer, R. Baigh, 5-10-6	Mr S. Kettlewell	7
13	0-00040	Milbill, D. Chapman, 6-10-5	M. Barnes	7

7-4 Limpopo, 5-2 Rust Borough, 5-1 Bay Corniche, 8-1 Milbill, 10-1 Veno Star, 14-1 Sovereign Charger, 20-1 The Schemer.

1.30 COLLINGHAM NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (£734: 2m 50yd)

4	323214	*Super Chant*, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-13	Mr T. G. Dun	7
6	00-4000	Bosphorus Queen, M. Naughton, 7-11-6	Mr S. Kettlewell	7
10	132110	Ice Plant, N. Crump, 6-11-6	C. Hawkins	
11	00000-0	Illecanus, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-6	A. Phillips	5
12	032030	Lord Greystoke, G. Richards, 7-11-6	D. Goulding	
16	3-f4d2	Oropendola, Thomson Jones, 7-11-6	S. Smith-Eccles	
17	p0000	Plucky Punter, M. W. Easterby, 10-11-6	J. J. O'Neill	

5-2 Ice Plant, 3-1 Oropendola, 7-2 Super Chant, 9-2 Lord Greystoke, 14-1 Illecanus, 14-1 Bosphorus Queen, Plucky Punter.

2.0 WIKE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £989: 2m 4f 100yd)

1	112122	Luctus, G. Richards, 9-12-7	D. Goulding	
2	2u2131	Wylam Boy, W. A. Stephenson, 9-12-5	G. Faulkner	
5	00r110-0	Fins Tan (C), B. Wilkinson, 9-10-3	G. Barrister	7
8	321p-a3	Whitsuncraft (C-D), M. Naughton, 8-10-1	C. Hawkins	
9	f-3f	Foreign Field (C), K. Oliver, 8-10-0	J. J. O'Neill	

6-4 Wylam Boy, 11-4 Luctus, 7-2 Foreign Field, 6-1 Whitsuncraft, 10-1 Fine Talk.

2.30 HEALAUGH NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £570: 2m)

2	s1	Tinkler Hand, A. Smith, 11-7	N. Tinkler	
3	012230	Star Music (D), L. Furman, 11-7	R. Goldstein	7
5	0	Chief Whip, Lady Herries, 11-0	D. Munro	
7	00	Comedy Echo, W. Baigh, 11-0	P. A. Charlton	

2.30 BEVERLEY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £573: 2m)

9	0	Jonathans Choice, M. Camacho, 11-0	Mr. D. Oldham	7
10	004	Malaysian Rubber, M. W. Easterby, 11-0	R. Barry	
11	32f42	Milk River, W. A. Stephenson, 11-0	J. Toland	7
14		Scotch Henry, W. A. Stephenson, 11-0	G. Faulkner	
18	0	Tudor Jig, N. W. Easterby, 11-0	J. J. O'Neill	
20	0	Zafoso, M. Naughton, 11-0	Mr S. Kettlewell	7

13-8 Helping Hand, 5-2 Tudor Jig, 5-1 Star Music, 8-1 Milk River, 12-1 Scotch Henry, 14-1 Chief Whip, Malaysian Rubber, 20-1 others.

3.0 KESWICK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,056: 3m 100yd)

5	017120	Brown Barman, W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-12	G. Faulkner	
6	1-p1002	Buckshills, D. Nicholson, 7-10-10	C. Saunders	
7	f-02	Greystoke Rambler, G. Richards, 9-10-9	D. Goulding	
8	103-013	Rambling Artist, T. Gilham, 8-10-8	—	
13	02p-03p	West End Lad (C-D), N. Crump, 10-10-0	C. Hawkins	

9-4 Greystoke Rambler, 3-1 Rambling Artist, 7-2 Brown Barman, 4-1 Buckshell, 6-1 West End Lad.

3.30 HEALAUGH NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £573: 2m)

2	11	Urser (D), M. W. Easterby, 12-0	N. Tinkler	
4	240010	Petaltot (D), J. Harris, 11-7	P. Tuck	7
5	1	Royal Legend, M. H. Easterby, 11-7	J. J. O'Neill	
9	u00	Aberlour, R. Smith, 11-0	R. Lamb	
10		Bulgaden, R. Wharton, 11-0	D. Greaves	
14	00	Hit the Roof, R. Whitaker, 11-0	S. Charlton	5
18	0	Royal Flip, A. Potts, 11-0	D. Munro	
20		Starlight Lad, R. Hall, 11-0	M. Lowry	3

Evens Royal Legend, 7-4 Urser, 8-1 Petaltot, 12-1 Bulgaden, Starlight Lad, 20-1 others.

Wetherby selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Rust Borough. 1.30 ICE PLANT is specially recommended. 2.0 Wylam Boy. 2.30 Tudor Jig. 3.0 Rambling Artist. 3.30 Royal Legend.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Oropendola.

Wolverhampton programme

1.15 ESSINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £512: 2m 5f)

1	23-1004	Lingus, J. Dalton, 13-12-7	C. Roberts	7
3	2-44320	Feel Free, W. Clay, 13-11-10	N. Clay	
4	200f40	Sammy Chief (C), B. Cambidge, 10-11-9	G. Jones	
5	313004	Blue Nip, J. Berry, 13-11-9	S. Houlker	7
8	p-23423	March Rite (D), D. Candolfo, 9-11-9	P. Barton	
9	4033000	Kings Fling, S. Birch, 9-11-7	S. Bartlow	5
10	p0p	Guardam, K. Bailey, 9-11-3	S. Morshead	
14	3pp3p3	Welsh Dresser, H. O'Neill, 7-10-12	G. McCourt	
15	p01004	Kerry E, Birchall, 7-10-11	R. Woolley	
16	0	Klansbee, M. Pipe, 11-10-7	R. Akins	
18	00-p0p	Superintendent, E. Wilson, 9-10-7	R. Evans	

5-2 March Rite, 7-2 Welsh Dresser, 9-2 Blue Nip, 5-1 Sunny Chief, 8-1 Feel Free, 10-1 Lingus, 12-1 Kings Fling, 14-1 others.

1.45 BRIDGNORTH HURDLE (Novices: Div I: £557: 2m)

203	0	Grey Manicou, G. Price, 6-10-12	C. Price	7
204	b6-0	Precious Hope, W. Mann, 6-10-12	C. Mann	
205	34000-0	Ballyglass, R. Vibert, 5-10-10	G. Thorner	
206	00	Beach Party, F. Rimell, 5-10-10	J. Burke	
209	0f	Jessica Lady, A. B. Jones, 5-10-10	A. B. Jones	
210	40-030	Lantern Boy, M. Salaman, 5-10-10	S. Jobar	
212	0	Mighty Runner, J. Edwards, 5-10-10	P. Blacker	
213	03	Pipe Fitting, M. Pipe, 4-10-3	R. Hyett	
216	443000	Heidorty, R. Hollinshead, 4-10-3	J. Holt	7
217	04	Sylvia's Dream, C. Hill, 4-10-3	R. Linley	

7-2 Lantern Boy, 3-1 Sylvia's Dream, 5-1 Grays China, 6-1 Beach Party, 8-1 Ballyglass and Mighty Runner, 10-1 Heidorty, 12-1 Precious Hope, 16-1 others.

2.15 COMPTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,000: 3m)

302	p-11010	Bargemaster, P. Makin, 8-11-10	J. King	
303	010-210	Spariot (C-D), S. Holland, 10-11-5	S. Holland	
304	p	Fezayot (C-D), Mrs R. Lomax, 9-11-1	Mr Darlington	7
305	122415	Kabosu (D), Oliver Bell, 8-11-0	R. Crank	
306	0-04032	Ormonde Tudor, Mrs R. Lomax, 9-10-3	—	
308	4232p0	Sharny Syke, W. Clay, 10-10-0	N. Clay	

11-4 Kabosu, 100-30 Ormonde Tudor, 9-2 Spariot, 5-1 Bargemaster, 6-1 Fezayot, 8-1 Sharny Syke.

2.45 BESCOT STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £708: 2m)

401	fb007	Cartoon Time (D), B. Cambidge, 6-11-7	G. Jones	
302	1210-00	Aloha Prince, H. Westbrook, 6-11-0	J. King	
403	0-0032	Finius, D. White, 6-11-0	R. Hyett	
404	0-0042	Green Brig, Rimell, 6-11-0	C. Tinkler	
405	000-000	Jacko, D. Nicholson, 6-11-0	R. Mangan	
406	002-004	Miss Kilo, A. W. Jones, 6-11-0	A. K. Taylor	
407	0p00-f	Murray Flash, D. Morley, 6-11-0	B. R. Davies	
408	202004	Spring Fling, Mrs J. Pitman, 6-11-0	Mr J. Norman	7
409	f0	Starveld, R. Armytage, 6-11-0	H. Evans	
410		Twist Bris, J. Sheedden, 6-11-0	S. Parkyn	

11-10 Finius, 9-2 Great Brig, 5-1 Cartoon Time, Murray Flash, 6-1 Aloha Prince, 12-1 others.

3.15 CHADSMOOR HURDLE (Handicap: £660: 2m 7f)

505	420000	Wilmore, J. Wright, 7-10-12	R. Evans	
507	0-03123	Cleo's Asp, G. Richards, 6-10-10	Mr R. Page	5
508	112-p0p	Score (C-D), C. Blum, 5-10-9	C. Tinkler	
510	0-00504	Linden Dolly, D. White, 5-10-6	R. Hyett	
511	000107	Magic Note, W. Williams, 6-10-5	M. Barrett	7
513	002010	Firsigo, J. Cann, 7-10-1	C. Knight	5
515	0-0000	Buckling Hall, K. Bailey, 6-10-1	S. Morshead	
519	00-00	Grange Prince, W. Buxton, 6-10-0	O. Sherman	7
520	000-000	Miss Meiita, H. O'Neill, 7-10-0	G. McCourt	
522	200-040	Demi Royal, W. Wharton, 7-10-0	P. Barry	5
523	0034-12	Persian Twilight, C. Miller, 10-10-0	R. F. Davies	
524	000r00	Hidden Talent, R. Griffiths, 6-10-0	T. O'Hagan	7
525	203204	Honourable Enoch, B. Cambidge, 5-10-0	Mr J. Cambidge	7
526	0041	Fair Pool, R. Lamb, 5-10-0	R. Forsyth	7

5-4 Magic Note, 9-2 Cleo's Asp, 6-1 Firsigo, 8-1 Persian Twilight, 10-1 Fair Pool, 12-1 Linden Dolly, Wilmore, 14-1 others.

3.45 BRIDGNORTH HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £591: 2m)

605	213	Seas, J. Webber, 4-10-13	R. Evans	
606	0000-00	Barby, W. Wharton, 6-10-12	R. Dicklin	
607		Eltrick Forest, J. Ufley, 6-10-12	Mr C. Saunders	
609	0pf40p	Grannys Gift, S. Shellar, 7-10-12	P. Blacker	
610	f	Fast Ball, S. Holland, 6-10-12	S. Holland	
611		Langtons Royal, C. O'Neill, 6-10-12	C. McCourt	
613	30-0f03	Prince Kemar VI, W. Oliver, 6-10-12	—	
615	02-000	Some Light, F. Rimell, 6-10-12	J. Burke	
617	03	Aytidefs, D. Ringer, 5-10-10	R. Evans	
618		Bewitched Again, B. Rice, 5-10-10	R. Hyett	
619	000	Diamond Dakine, R. Hyett, 5-10-10	Mr R. Woollett	
623	0p0-000	Melody River, J. Edwards, 5-10-10	S. Morshead	
624	40	Milo End, M. Salaman, 5-10-10	J. Ring	
625	00	Southern Pines, W. Jenks, 5-10-10	R. F. Davies	
627	0000	Westbeige Lodge, D. Nicholson, 5-10-10	R. Mangan	
628	0	Wickwell, A. W. Jones, 5-10-10	P. Mangan	
631		Clane, Earl Jones, 4-10-0	J. Barlow	5
634	000	Windfall Penny, F. Rimell, 4-10-3	C. Tinkler	

7-4 Seas, 9-4 Aytidefs, 9-2 Some Light, 8-1 Mile End, 10-1 Grannys Gift, 12-1 Southern Pines, 14-1 others. * Doubtful runner.

Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.15 March Rite. 1.45 Beach Party. 2.15 Bargemaster. 2.45 Great Brig. 3.15 Magic Note. 3.45 Aytidefs.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Aloha Prince. 3.15 Score. 3.45 Aytidefs.

Wolverhampton results

1.15 (1.18): MOLINEUX STREET NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (Div I: £676: 3m)

Cabar Feidh, b g, by Aggressor—Fashion Wear (Mrs C. Calver), 6-11-7 R. Linley (4-7) 1
Little Gnat S. Morshead (11-1) 2
Golden Days .. J. J. O'Neill (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Charles Swift (f), 14-1 Limestone Director (f), 25-1 Law Society (b), 33-1 Kevlin Road (f), 50-1 Turasco. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, 16p. 22p; dual forecast, 36p. P. Calver at Winchester. 3l. 2l.

1.45 (1.48): MOLINEUX STREET NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (Div II: £687: 3m)

Joe Kelly, gr g, by Jolly Jet—Grande (R. Horton), 7-11-7 R. Barton (11-2) 1
Bell-Amys John Williams (16-1) 2
Rathowen .. B. J. Evans (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-11 Angel Clare (f), 5-2 Kings Or Better (b). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, £7.72p; dual forecast, £1.96. D. Goodlolfe at Wantage. Distance, bad.

2.15 (2.18): NORTH BANK HURDLE (Handicap: £659: 2m)

Gala Lad, ch g, by Gala Performance—Land (S. Griffiths), 4-10-2 N. Tinkler (7-2 fav) 1
Barmitzvah Boy John Williams (5-1) 2
Durham Lad .. P. Barton (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Mrs Bee, 15-2 Master Melody, 8-1 Emma (4th), 12-1 Fortune Cookie, 16-1 Fob, 20-1 Regal Jester, Carrabarrack, 25-1 Donwalk (b), Timber Brook, 50-1 Golden Warrior, Llacca Prince. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 11p, 26p, 48p; dual forecast, 53p. J. Hardy at Strumble Sl. 2l.

2.15 (2.48): STOURBRIDGE HURDLE (4-y-o: £2,399: 2m)

Connaught Ranger, ch c, by Connaught—Francoma (J. McCaughey), 10-10 C. Tinkler (10-11 fav) 1
Persian Crown, C. Turnell (11-2) 2
Freight Forwarder, I. Cox (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 Big Ben (f), 12-1 Pine Brook (4th), 25-1 Albion Prince, 50-1 Liquidation, Lord of Misrule. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 27p, 17p; dual forecast, 32p. Tinkler (Nigel), 68p. Rimell, at Kinnersley. 12l. 4l.

3.15 (3.15): SOUTH BANK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £959: 2m 5f)

Don Pasquale, ch g, by Doudance—Senorita (Mrs W. Curtis), 8-10-5 C. Tinkler (5-1) 1
Ranson Avenue .. C. Smith (3-1) 2
Lovejoy, br m, Brisbourne (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav The Clerk (4th), 11-4 Calloway Edition (b), 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 32p; dual forecast, £1.15. T. F. Rimell, at Kinnersley. 10l. 8l.

3.45 (3.47): WATERLOO ROAD HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £579: 2m)

Gay Season, b h, by Silly Season—Lady Leopardess (K. Sykes), 9-0 Brooke Sanders (33-1) 1
Regimar Boy .. Davies (11-2) 2
Golden Murray, R. Hyett (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Stalfold Pride, 7-2 Benevolence (4th), 4-1 Slap Happy (b), River Bella, 11-2 Tamdhu, 25-1 Sweet Willie, 33-1 Home Turn, Nennon. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, £5.89; places, 96p, 42p, 32p; dual forecast, £19.18. H. O'Neill, at Horsham. 11l. 4l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Gala Lad, Don Pasquale, £7.55. TREBLE: Joe Kelly, Connaught Ranger, Gay Season, £5.90.

Chepstow

1.30 (1.35): RABBIT HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £713: 2m)

Weeny Bopper, ch m, by Songedor—Stock Mirco (K. Wolfe), 7-10-7 .. Mr P. Webber (50-1) 1
Golden Spice .. J. Francome (9-2) 2
Lucky Louis .. G. Thorner (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Hunter's Joy, 9-2 Vardes, 11-2 Persian Scimitar, 13-2 Main Chance, 10-1 Captain Flint, 20-1 Authors Daughter, London Glory, Vulcry's Kid, 25-1 Quantock Streaker (4th), 50-1 Brooklaw, Big Charles. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, £22.58; places, £5.10, 11p, 61p; dual forecast, 14p (paid on second with any other horse). J. Webber, at Banbury. 20l.

2.0 (2.4): PARTRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (£1,006: 2m)

Free Hold, ch g, by Crown Lawn —Acquittance (R. Barber), 7-11-2 P. Hobbs (7-1) 1
Wild Rushes R. Crank (6-1) 2
Killagurteen, R. Atkins (4-5 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 *Silver Delight*, 7-1 Nasan, 33-1 Saddlan (4th), Chouchalgate (p). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 75p; places, 33p, 27p; dual forecast, £1.19. J. Thorne, at Bridgwater. ¾l, 15l. Gathering Storm did not run.

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A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

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Dada and Surrealism Reviewed
11 January-27 March 1978
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THE ARTS

Confusion at the Hayward

Dada and Surrealism Reviewed
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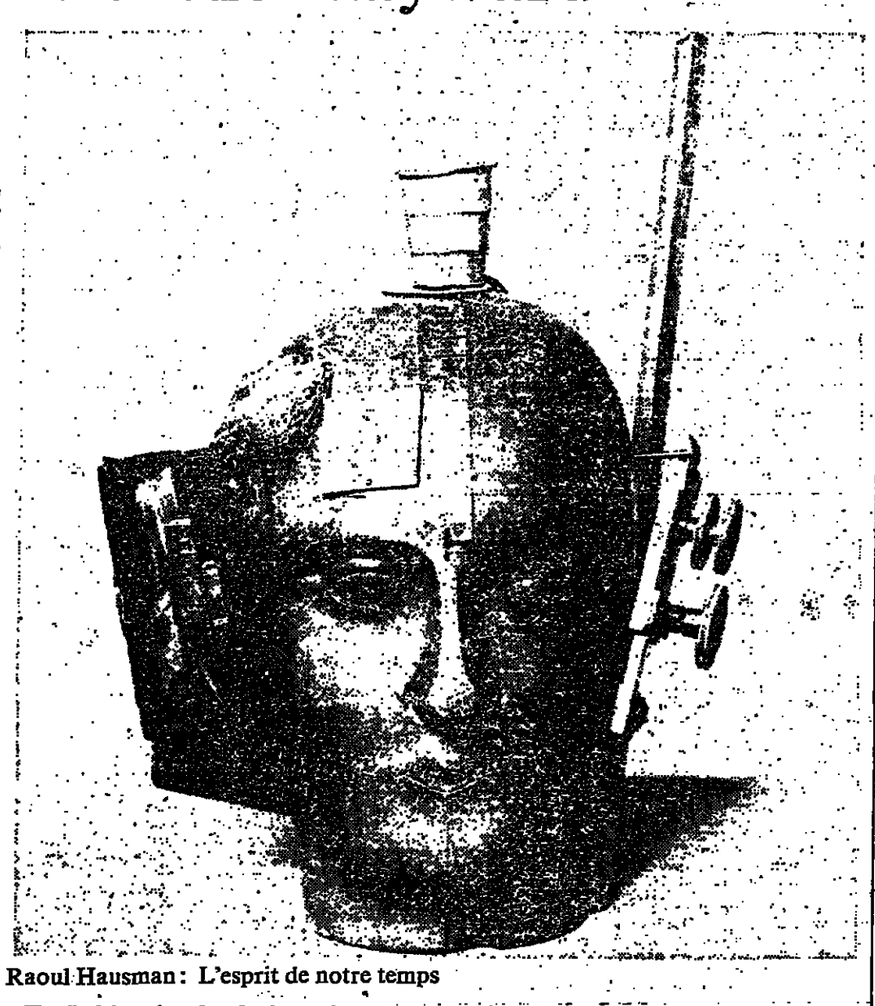
Fyfe Robertson would not like the current show at the Hayward. There's a man exhibiting a urinal under an obvious pseudonym (R. Mutt) and another showing an all-blue painting (Joan Miro).

Despite this the Arts Council's *Dada and Surrealism Reviewed* was already crowded on the first day open to the public, the next day even more so. But the crowds thin out rapidly by the top floor (later Surrealism). The catalogue is delayed until February. The organizers have obviously bitten off more than they can chew. The exhibition is more than anyone can chew, at least in one visit. It is too big. It is indigestible. You get more from a second visit. But it is unwise to assume that most people will or can go twice.

The show has virtually no explanatory captions (as opposed to labels, and there are not enough of them). Chunks of German and French are left untranslated. Many of the exhibits are photocopies of pages from magazines, and the dates of these are often not clear. When it comes the catalogue may clarify this. But at £7 few will afford it. In lieu of the catalogue David Sylvester's introduction has been printed as a leaflet with notes on the sections into which the exhibition is organized. It is useful, but it does not include a list of exhibits. The Arts Council have also published *An Outline of Dada and Surrealism*, a short essay by Dawn Ades with 60 colour illustrations of works in the exhibition (£1).

The show is organized round the magazines published by the Dadaists and the Surrealists. Works by the same artist are often widely separated and the total effect is confusion, particularly with the lack of captions. I do not think it was a good idea to lump the two movements together in this way. The one grew out of the other and there are many parallels. But much of the qualities of both movements is lost. It is also the main reason for the show's being intolerably large.

Dada was the original raspberry blown at conventional society and conventional art. In neutral Zurich, in New York far from the theatre of war, Dada was largely just that. "Russia needed a political revolution. America needs an artistic one", wrote Henri Pierre Roche in the New York Dada magazine *The Blind Man*. But in Berlin at the end of the war Dada took on a much more political and satirical character, as can be seen in the section devoted to the Berlin Dada magazines and the artists associated with them: Grosz, Heartfield, Hannah Hoch, Raoul Hausman and Johannes Baader. Their work still explodes with energy and still has the whiff of poison gas, not of the museum.



Raoul Hausman: L'esprit de notre temps

The Dadaists shared a fascination with the city and machinery with the constructivists and De Stijl artists. (There is a revealing statement on the machine "made in man's image" by Paul B. Hariland in Steiglitz's magazine *291* in the New York section.) That might well have been a more interesting link to make an exhibition of than the more conventional yoking of Dada with Surrealism. Some artists bridged right across camps, sometimes using pseudonyms, like the founder of the De Stijl group Theo Van Doesburg who also published a Dada magazine *Mecano*, wrote poems under the name of I. K. Bonset and collaborated with Kurt Schwitters. (He also had a Futurist *alter ego*, Aldo Camini!) Unfortunately there is virtually nothing by Van Doesburg here, according to David Sylvester's introduction owing to "failures to procure loans".

At the Dada Fair in Berlin in 1919 Grosz and Heartfield were photographed holding up a placard reading: "Art is dead. Long live the machine art of Tatlin." One of the major achievements of the Berlin Dadaists was to develop the technique of photomontage. It was Heartfield's achievement to take photomontage beyond anarchic social satire. His later photomontages are very close to Surrealism in their techniques of juxtaposition. The magazine in which Heartfield's work appeared *AIZ* should have been included if the organizers had shown the slightest interest in imaginative rather than art-historical connexions.

The opening section of the show is devoted to precursors of Dada and Surrealism. Chirico emerges as a greater painter than any of the true surrealists. His early paintings have enormous resonances of meaning and evocation. The Futurists' contribution is underplayed. The influence of their typographical experiments, their theatrical happenings or *serate*, and their total view of life was crucial. Apollinaire invented the word "Surrealist" and he is rightly here as a precursor of both movements. He did not, however, invent what he called the calligramme, as Dawn Ades states. He may have invented the name, but the Futurists made typographical poems before he did, which Apollinaire knew. And there are the earlier precedents of Mallarmé and George Herbert.

The Surrealist section confirms the popular view. The figurative Surrealist works by Dali and Magritte are generally more interesting than the non-figurative. But non-figurative Surrealism was important because of what came out of it. Masson and Matta influenced Gorky and Pollock. Matta was later to emerge as a powerful painter himself, having gone like Pollock and Gorky beyond Surrealism—as the epic paintings he showed at the Hayward last year made clear.

Exhibitions of this kind are like books: the works are the illustrations, their ordering context and juxtoposition are the text. The Hayward show is a coffee table book with excellent illustrations but poor text. It continues until March 27.

There is a programme of *Dada, Surrealism and the Cinema* at the NFT throughout February, including some weekday matinées. There are also a large number of lectures (details from the Hayward), and related exhibitions include photographs by Man Ray and his former model Lee Miller, who married the English Surrealist, Sir Roland Penrose, and was an exceptional photographer (Mayor Gallery). A retrospective of another veteran British Surrealist, Conroy Maddox, and *Surrealism Unlimited 1968-78* opens today at the Camden Arts Centre. Angela Flowers is showing contemporary artists who have contributed to *Transformations*, the magazine edited by John Lyle, the Surrealist book seller.

It pays to follow Wagner's instructions

Tannhäuser
Metropolitan Opera, New York

Patrick J. Smith

Tannhäuser is an opera whose time has come again. Whether because the story is now in synchronization with the mores of the times (which suggest the waning of the excesses of the sexual liberation and the waxing of the certainties of evangelical religion), or whether, more prosaically, Wagner's early-middle music-making, in its forthright simplicity, now coincides with the revival in interest in early nineteenth-century opera, *Tannhäuser* has an immediacy it lacked even a decade ago.

Perhaps fidelity to the composer's wishes is also an idea whose time has returned, for the new production of *Tannhäuser* at the Metropolitan Opera is an honest evocation of the score, utilizing the Met's ample scenic and lighting resources to create, with beauty and restraint, the effects Wagner wanted. The opera, performed in the Paris version, was immeasurably enhanced by the softly elegant and literal stage pictures of that magician Günther Schneider-Siemssen (the austere nobility of the Hall of Song contrasted with the pastoral of the hills of Thuringia), the costumes of Patricia Zipprodt and, not least, by the understated, yet always stage-conscious, production of Otto Schenk. Indeed, it was the succession of seemingly effortlessly correct choices that made the evening one of the major triumphs at the Met in the past few years.

James McCracken, in his first Wagnerian role, made a strong Tannhäuser, effective from the first strophes in the Venusberg right through the Rome narration to the end. The voice at times grew pinched, and is never free-flowing, while his acting was merely competent, but McCracken possesses one major and unexpected asset: a clarity of German diction that projected every word to the audience. His Rome narration was, therefore, a dramatic event, and his fierce enunciation of the Pope's anathema vivid. Leonie Rysanek, as Elisabeth, has by contrast been singing the role for longer than the supposed age of the character, and her fluff-ball of tones moved in and out of focus and pitch. But what dominates is her stage command, and this transforms every scene in which she appears—her shaping of word and phrase, and her absolute control of body movement. I shall long remember the delicacy yet utter despair of her voicing of the line "Er kehret nicht zuruck" at not finding Tannhäuser among the returning pilgrims, followed by the soft evocation of the prayer and her slow withdrawal upstage into death—those moments when the operatic stage is illumined with the realization of what the composer created.

Bernd Weikl's Wolfram began rather unsteadily but built to a very moving third act, to the climactic moment when he gently places the Pope's staff, wreathed in green, between Elisabeth's bier and Tannhäuser's lifeless form. Grace Bumbry's acting, as Venus, largely overcame the quavery nature of her voice; John Macurdy made an imposing Landgrave.

Great credit must also go to James Levine, whose lyric conducting infused the entire opera, and was at its strongest in the sure handling of the ensembles, his partnering of the principals and the quick-step lift of the grand ceremonial entrance in Act II. His reading is so dramatically true that it cannot help but gain an expressivity and a relaxation which it occasionally lacks. The orchestral playing was very good, particularly of the obbligato instruments Wagner uses throughout, although the violins sounded undernourished in the overture.

The merit of the production lay in its unity of purpose and effect, within such Wagner-imposed confines as the opening ballet (rendered in Norbert Vesak's choreography as stylized rather than graphic libertine groupings) and the sight of grown men striding around in robes plucking on harps. It is all in the score: it was put on the stage, and it worked. Perhaps this fidelity was the production's most revolutionary concept.



Grace Bumbry and James McCracken

Old Vic in 1978

In 1978 the Old Vic will be a working theatre throughout the year for the first time since the National left in 1975. The first step was taken last night with the return of Derek Jacobi's *Hamlet*, which has undergone a considerable change since the initial Vic season (May-July), including the "restoration of some fairly swingeing cuts" and recasting of major roles. Jane Wymark, of the BBC television series *Poldark*, has joined the company to play Ophelia, John Turner plays Claudius and Robert Eddison the Ghost and First Player.

On January 20 Dryden's *All for Love* will open with John Turner and Barbara Jefford as Antony and Cleopatra. Later it will be joined in repertoire by Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* (which opens on February 21) with Mr Turner and Miss Jefford again in the leading parts.

The return of Shaw's *Saint Joan*, with Eileen Atkins (from February 7) rounds off Prospect's first 1978 season. Robert Eddison and Geoffrey Palmer repeat their roles as the Inquisitor and the Earl of Warwick. In John Dove's 1978 production Ronnie Stevens plays the Dauphin and Patrick Mower (of television's *Target* series) plays Dunois.

Great German ballads

Hermann Prey
Wyndham's Theatre

Barry Millington

Sunday's presentation by the Vocal Art Appreciation Society of an evening of German ballads was an imaginative idea on two counts: first, it allowed us to compare the approaches of four of the nineteenth-century's great songwriters to that particular genre, where usually only one or two are included in a recital—ballast, perhaps, as much as ballads: second, the extended scale and dramatic form of the ballad are well suited to the voice and talents of the singer on Sunday, Hermann Prey. The composers represented were Schubert, Loewe, Schumann and Wolf, the programme beginning and ending with contrasted settings of the same poem—Goethe's "Der Sänger".

Mr Prey did not realize his full potential in the opening group of Schubert ballads: his expression was muted, and his footing unsure, a troublesome tickle in the throat not helping matters. With three songs of action and adventure by Karl Loewe, culminating in the grand "Archibald Douglas", there was more evidence of the necessary characterization and dramatic urgency. In "Herr Oluf", for example, Mr Prey brought to life the narrative of the young nobleman's encounter on the eve of his wedding with the death-announcing Erl-king's daughter: there was a lovely touch of happy innocence at Frühmorgens, where the unsuspecting bride-to-be arrives on the scene.

The second half found Mr Prey in better voice still: Schumann's "Belsazar", a setting of Heine's account of the appearance of the writing on the wall, ended on a note of chilling horror, while in Wolf's "Der Feuerreiter" the build-up of tension was controlled admirably.

His accompanist, Geoffrey Parsons, called upon to represent wedding celebrations, furious rides (generally on galloping steeds) and much more, coped excellently; at times, especially in the first half, he seemed to underestimate the power of Mr Prey's voice, but his always highly coloured accompaniments contributed a great deal to the success of the recital.

Elisabeth Söderström
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

It could be argued that singers should sing, not talk, but no one who was present at Sunday's recital by Elisabeth Söderström could regret her engaging introductions to the Scandinavian songs in the second part of her programme. Not only did these little preambles establish a close rapport with the audience, they also helped her to shake off a certain stiffness which had sometimes checked her earlier Schubert performances.

As a result, Grieg and Sjögren were more warmly honoured in this "Mainly Schubert" recital than was the anniversary composer himself. Yet there were abundant pleasures in Miss Söderström's singing of Schubert, and also in Martin Isepp's playing of him. In particular, the longer, continuously developing songs such as "Ganymed" and Gretchen am Spinnrade" found Mr Isepp providing an exact, courteous accompaniment above which Miss Söderström could wind an unbroken thread of tone judiciously weighted with emotion.

This she did, above all, by paying special attention to the balance of phrases; whether one should lean towards another, pull back or remain in the air. And all the while she drew on the full range of vocal resource at her command, from grand ampleness to that quavering vulnerability which she artfully never exaggerates.

Her feeling for colour was not always so reliable in the shorter Schubert songs. A piece like "An die Nachtigall" she could throw off with perfect elegance, but her choice of a blanched, breathless sound for the last line of "Nun wer die Sehnsucht kennt" was a misjudgment, for suddenly this very human Mignon became a melodramatic stereotype.

The recital's more relaxed second part was quite free of such blemishes. Miss Söderström suggested that Sjögren, in choosing a poem set by Wolf, had "made a good try at it". She herself did much more than that in all her selections from Nordic lyricism.

Fires of London
Dublin Festival of Twentieth-century Music

Kenneth Loveland

No pun is intended in recording that the Dublin Festival of Twentieth-century music caught light with the arrival of the Fires of London, giving it a zest and relevance to its title not always apparent in the early stages.

There was the first showing of *One Foot in Eden*, the film produced by Penny Clark and directed by Barrie Gavin for the Arts Council of Great Britain, still in need of discriminating editing, but already an exciting documentary of the relationship between the creative development of Peter Maxwell Davies and the sights, sounds and above all the temperament of his chosen environment in the Orkneys. There was, too, the composer's lecture on the purpose of music theatre, itself an engaging example of the art, and even the fun, of communication.

The Fires showed their keen involvement in the festival by producing a new Irish work and a substantial one at that, Gerard Victory's *Adest Hora*, a 40-minute canticle on the destruction of Pompeii. The composer is less concerned with painting the moments of eruption and catastrophe (which make less impact than they might) than with illustrating in musical terms a relationship between the city's way of life and its artistic achievements, and the writings of Tacitus, Catullus and others. This suggests an emotional rather than a pictorial approach, and using an ensemble of violin, cello, clarinet, piano celesta and a wide range of percussion, Mr Victory has tailored the work carefully not only to the resources of the Fires of London but also to the kind of sound experience teaches us to expect from them, with just occasional romantic undertones.

Sometimes the violence has a sharp poignance, sometimes it sounds contrived. But the work is strongly contrasted and the post-disaster apotheosis of compassion gives it significance.

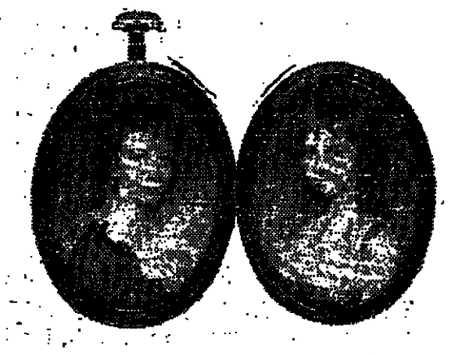
Turn of The Lambton Worm

Oxford University Opera Club is presenting as its major production of the 1977-78 season a new opera, *The Lambton Worm*, commissioned by the club with funds made available by the Arts Council of Great Britain. Although the club is best known for its performances of neglected pre-twentieth-century works, 13 of its 52 major productions have been of twentieth-century works, three of which have been world premieres: Egon Wellesz's *Incognita*, in 1951, Richard Morris's *Agamemnon*, in 1969, and Stephen Oliver's *The Duchess of Malfi*, in 1972.

The music of *The Lambton Worm*, to be given at Oxford Playhouse on February 14, 15, 17 and 18, is by Robert Sherlaw Johnson and the libretto, based on the Durham folk legend, is by Anne Ridler.

The production will be designed by Alan Halliday and the producer is Michael Geairn Tosh. The major roles in the opera are to be sung by professional singers, including Mary King, Marilyn Mimms, Richard Lloyd Morgan and Peter Reynolds. The composer will conduct all four performances.

£16,000 the pair



This was the price realised at Sotheby's for the miniatures of William and Maria Burroughs, by John Smart, which created a new world auction record for 18th century miniatures. The previous record, made at Sotheby's in July, was £7,000 for a single miniature.

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Law Report January 16 1978

Queen's Bench Division

Libel damages for Mr Michael Foot

Foot v Associated Newspapers Group Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Bristow

The *Daily Mail* apologized to Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, for publishing an article in which it was alleged that he had received private treatment as a National Health Service patient.

Mr Foot, who sued Associated Newspapers Group Ltd, publishers of the *Daily Mail*, and Mr David English, the editor, for libel, was awarded damages and costs.

Mr Peter Bowsher, for Mr Foot, said that in April, 1975, on the urgent advice of his doctors, Mr Foot, then Secretary of State for Employment, was admitted as a patient to the Royal Free Hospital for surgical examination and treatment of a growth which his doctors suspected might be malignant. Happily the growth was found to be benign and he was discharged about a week later.

On April 30, while Mr Foot was still in hospital, the *Daily Mail* published an article in which it was alleged that he had effectively got private treatment as a National Health patient. Mr Foot considered that the article implied that he was hypocritical and insincere in his advocacy of egalitarianism.

That grave libel upon Mr Foot was wholly untrue. Since the establishment of the Health Service, he had at no time either sought or received privileged treatment in any hospital.

The nature of Mr Foot's ailment was such that anyone exhibiting similar symptoms would have been admitted speedily to hospital. He specifically requested that he be placed in a public ward and emphasized that he wished to receive treatment on the same basis as any other patient in the hospital, which was the local hospital for the area in which he lived. The Royal Free Hospital did not have large wards of the old-fashioned type but was built to a plan which enabled a series of small rooms to be supervised by a nurse from a central position. Mr Foot was given a bed in a room in that part of the hospital exclusively devoted to National Health patients. Private patients were accommodated in a different wing. The operation was not performed, as alleged by the *Daily Mail*, "by the most senior surgeon on duty at the hospital", but by the senior registrar of the surgical firm responsible for Mr Foot's treatment in the absence of the consultant, who was ill.

The *Daily Mail* now recognized that there was no foundation for the allegations contained in the article and they had agreed to pay a sum by way of damages to Mr Foot and his legal costs. They had also agreed to apologize to Mr Foot in open court, and to publish a report of that apology. Mr Foot's sole reason for bringing the present action was to prevent the continued republication of the libel by the *Daily Mail*. However, in view of the apology, Mr Foot would accordingly be content not to pursue the action further.

Mr Richard Rampton, for the *Daily Mail* and Mr English, said that they accepted what Mr Bowsher had said. *They recognized* that there was absolutely no foundation for the allegations and they deeply regretted the publication of the article. They apologized to Mr Foot and to his wife.

Solicitors: Oswald Hickson, Collier & Co; Swepstone, Walsh & Son.

Source of sentencing injustice

Regina v Harnden

Section 3 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1961, under which a prison sentence of more than six months and less than three years cannot be imposed on a defendant who is under 21, was a potent source of injustice, the Lord Chief Justice said in the Court of Appeal.

The court allowed an appeal by David John Harnden, a 20-year-old undergraduate, against a sentence of three years' imprisonment for possessing a controlled drug with intent to supply and substituted a sentence of borstal training.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, who was sitting with Mr Justice Melford Stevenson and Mr Justice Lloyd, said that where a defendant was under 21 the court must first decide the appropriate prison sentence and, if it fell within the prohibited period, make a borstal order, however unsuitable that might be. Section 3 should not be used as a means of passing a longer sentence than was required. In the present case a prison sentence of two years would have been appropriate for such a young man committing his first offence. The appeal would be allowed.

25 years ago

From the Times of Thursday, January 15, 1953

Round up of Mau Mau

From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, Jan 14.—The second major operation to clear the forest area surrounding the settled districts of Laikipia and the Ol Kalon began at first light today. It is called "Operation Yellow Hackle" and is primarily a Lancashire Fusiliers' task. The objective is to sweep through the Wanjohi valley and clean up the whole area from the 13,000ft peak of Kipipiri to the line of the Aberdare forest. . . . Working with the troops is a large force of regular and reserve police. The main line of the drive will be along the Wanjohi valley, which runs parallel to the Aberdare forest. The Kipipiri mountain mass is an extension of the Aberdares, and the area of the new operation is shaped somewhat like a sack. The Wanjohi valley is a narrow mouth and into this entrance this morning went two companies of Fusiliers cleaning up as they progressed and driving before them and collecting large numbers of Africans, mainly squatters in the forests and on the farms, for questioning. A third company of the battalion held the southern base line, acting as a stop, and moving north through the forest in close contact along every track towards the summit. It is expected that the bag will be between 2,000 and 3,000, mainly Kikuyus.

Debate on ordination of women

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The ordination of women stands out as the one potentially divisive issue on the agenda of the 1978 Lambeth Conference, which was published yesterday. All the 396 diocesan bishops in the Anglican Communion have been invited to take part in what looks to be a comprehensive review of the relationship between church and society in many different cultures.

The Right Rev John Howe, secretary of the conference, indicated yesterday that the final position on the ordination of women will be debated in open session of the full conference, probably basing its work on recommendations by a group of bishops who have been carefully selected to ensure balance.

The great majority of local churches that have considered the ordination of women have decided in favour of it, in principle at least, and an increasing number have taken that step. Meanwhile, Bishop Howe said, feeling had become more sensitive about the divisions the issue was causing within the churches, and about its effect on the whole communion's relations with the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches.

The Lambeth Conference, which has been held about every 10 years since 1867, with one 20-year gap at the time of the First World War, is the first to be wholly residential. It will take place at Kent University, Canterbury, from July 23 to August 13 under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan. Although it is the highest body in world Anglicanism, all member churches are independent and autonomous and the authority of conference decisions is therefore moral rather than legal.

It is not entirely representative, as some provinces have a far higher ratio of bishops to church members than others. The Episcopal Church in the United States of America, with about 1,500,000 members, has 113 bishops. The Anglican Communion itself claims 60 million members, which includes 27 million baptized members of the Church of England, of whom only about 12 per cent are active. Its 43 diocesan bishops will therefore be at a numerical disadvantage compared with the American bishops, which could influence the outcome of certain decisions if they are put to a vote.

Dr Coggan intended this conference to be more reflective than usual, with some concentration on the episcopacy itself. But the pressures facing the communion have meant that room has had to be found on the agenda for a host of issues, ranging from Marxism to family life.

The Anglican Communion is growing in numbers in spite of contraction in the older English-speaking countries, and that is largely due to the general growth of population in Africa and Asia. A higher proportion of the bishops are now nationally indigenous compared with 10 years ago, and for the first time the organization will include simultaneous translation facilities, for Japanese, French and Rwandan.

Observers from most other world Christian communities will be present and to take part. The Orthodox churches have asked for a special meeting of the international Anglican-Orthodox commission, which will be held in Belgrade before the conference, in order to give weight to the Orthodox objections to the ordination of women.

£291,666 for a Breughel

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A small panel painting of flowers in a vase by Jan Breughel the Elder brought a resounding auction record for the artist when it was sold for $560,000 or £291,666, (estimate $100,000-$120,000) in New York on Friday. Flower and fruit pieces of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were market leaders last year, making a big jump in price. The highest price previously paid for one by a Breughel was the £188,235 paid at Sotheby Mak van Waay last June.

Sotheby Parke Bernet's New York sale on Friday made £1,024,500, with 2 per cent unsold. The auctioneers claimed to have achieved auction record prices for Abraham van Beyeren at £35,526, Joost de Momper at £31,250, Nicolaes van Verendael at £29,950, Floris va nSchooten at £14,583 and Maria van Oosterwyck at £13,542. Most of those work swere decorative still life paintings.

In a wine sale at Bonham's in London yesterday a bottle of 1811 cognac, Grande Fine Champagne, in a bottle embossed with the Napoleonic cipher, was sold for £155 (estimate £100), going to an Arab purchaser

Convict's picture: A small primitive picture, believed to have been the work of a nineteenth-century Australian convict, was the surprise of a Phillips sale of oil paintings yesterday. It was a coastal view "From above Double Bay", measuring 7¼in by 10in, and went to Cliffston for £2,000, ten times its estimate. The painting, which is probably destined for Australia, was attributed to M. Peacock and was inscribed 1845 on the back. Peacock was a convict transported from Britain for a life sentence. The sale of oil paintings totalled £22,301, with 8 per cent unsold.

In a Phillips sale of furniture, which totalled £21,880, with 4 per cent unsold, Bishop paid £1,450 for a nineteenth-century German carved oak side cupboard (estimate, £1,000).

University news

Oxford

Appointment and election:
Hensley Henson Lectureship in Theology: Birger Gerhardsson, TD, professor of New Testament exegesis, Lund University.
Exeter College. Choral exhibition: S. I. Wright, commoner of the college.

St Andrews

Dr C. J. G. Wright, research fellow at All Souls College, Oxford, has been appointed to the chair of logic and metaphysics from October, 1978.

Edinburgh

Professor Berrick Saul, a vice-principal of the university since 1975, has been appointed Acting Principal for nine months after the death of Professor Sir Hugh Robson, the Principal.

London

Appointments:
Dr W. J. Albery, MA, DPhil, lecturer at the Physical Chemistry Laboratory, Oxford, to the chair of physical chemistry, Imperial College.
Dr M. G. Elder, MB, ChB, MD, reader in obstetrics and gynaecology, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, to the chair of obstetrics and gynaecology.
A. Silberston, MA (Cantab), MA (Oxon), fellow and dean of Nuffield College, Oxford, to the chair of economics, Imperial College.

Latest wills

Mr Herbert Harold Campaign, of Gillingham, naval constructor, left £24,617 net. He left all his property to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Ball, Mrs Edith Kate, of Worthing £105,149
Bridgland, Mr Frederick Harry Thomas, of Tonbridge .. £402,740
Edleston, Miss Frances, of Ilkley £127,619
Hall, Mr George Herbert, of Filey £103,166
Heycock, Mr Morris Sadler, of Gerrards Cross £100,221
Lilley, Mr Arthur Jonathan, of Hemingford Abbots, farmer £125,445
Lobstein, Mr Heinrich, of Cardiff £144,269
Mayer, Mrs Else, of West Hampstead £212,333
Mayer, Mr Joseph George, of Brighton £103,433
Pearson, Mr Herbert, of Watford £141,668
Truefitt, Mr Charles William Valentine, of Windlesham £183,795

Church given secret statistics on detainees

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 16

Secret statistics about the number of people held without trial in South Africa under security laws have been given to a senior official of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK), the "establishment" church of the ruling Afrikaners.

This was disclosed on the eve of a meeting tomorrow between leaders of the church and a six-man delegation from its Dutch "mother" church, the Gereformeerde Kerken Nederland, the second biggest of the reformed churches in Holland.

Such figures are rarely given in Parliament as the Government considers them "not to be in the public interest".

The Dutch mission is in South Africa to examine its ties with the NGK and, particularly, whether to support the World Council of Churches (WCC) special fund to combat racism, to discuss alternatives to the fund and to examine what action the white NGK is taking in the face of racial tension in southern Africa.

Dr O'Brien Geldenhuys, Director of Ecumenical Affairs of the NGK, said today that the information about security arrests was needed for the visitors and Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Justice, had supplied it saying he would soon give the details in Parliament.

Mrs Helen Suzman, of the Progressive-Federal Party and official Opposition spokesman on police and justice matters, commented that she found the minister's decision extraordinary. She said: "Surely Parliament has prior right to information of this kind."

An Afrikaans-language newspaper claimed that the statistics given to Dr O'Brien Geldenhuys included a confidential report detailing why people had been detained and listing those to be acted against in future and giving reasons. He has denied this.

According to records kept by the Institute of Race Relations, 662 people were being held on September 30, the highest number since detention without trial laws were introduced in 1961.

The institute's figures do not include people held in the drive against black consciousness organizations ordered last October by Mr Kruger or those who have since been released. Last June Mr Kruger told Parliament that a total of 336 people were being held under security laws at the end of May. Last September he disclosed that since June, 1976, when black urban unrest broke out in Soweto, a total of 2,430 people had been held for questioning under security laws.

The Rev Cas Maak, Moderator of the Gereformeerde Kerken and leader of the Dutch mission which arrived in South Africa on Friday, said that if the Dutch church's synod voted in April to support the World Council of Churches' special fund, the South African NGK would sever all ties.

Faced with a similar threat in 1976, the Dutch synod voted to withdraw support for the WCC fund but the issue has now arisen again with much greater intensity.

The Dutch churchmen are expected to be in South Africa for about two weeks. They will meet a wide cross-section of NGK men and probably, also, the Rev Beyers Naude, banned Director of the Christian Institute of Southern Africa, who is a former Moderator of the NGK.

The NGK is the largest of the three Dutch reformed sister churches in South Africa, with more than two million members of whom 1,500,000 are white.

As the Dutch churchmen began their talks, an embarrassing row was developing over the ejection of six black mourners from a funeral service at the Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk (NHK) in Krugersdorp, near Johannesburg, the NHK is the smallest of the three sister Dutch reformed churches.

Leicester to have statue of Richard III

Permission has been granted to erect a statue of Richard III in Leicester, the town to which his body was taken after the battle of Bosworth. The statue will depict him in during the battle.

The Richard III Society, an organization with more than two thousand members, is instigating the project. Its object is to reassess the role in English history of the last of the Plantagenet kings.

The Duke of Rutland, a descendant of Richard III's sister, Anne, Duchess of Exeter, is patron of an appeal to raise the £20,000 needed for the statue.

Business Perspectives in association with The Times present a conference:

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This conference is being organised to enable those companies interested in trading with The People's Republic of China to hear the more detailed conclusions of the two most recent missions of senior industrialists which returned from China in October and November.
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PM reports on his tour of Indian sub-continent: good prospects for British firms to increase trade

House of Commons

The Prime Minister, reporting on his visit to Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, said it confirmed once again that the attainment of independence could release an energy and vitality which showed itself in the progress and self-confidence of the three countries I visited.

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab) said: I paid official visits to Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan from January 3 to 13 at the invitation of the governments concerned. I also paid a short visit to Egypt, at President Sadat's invitation, for talks at Aswan on the Middle East situation.

I was most warmly received in the countries we visited, not only by their political leaders but also by their peoples. I should like to place on record here my gratitude for the great kindness and hospitality shown to me throughout our journey. All of the British party were moved by the constant demonstration of the warmth, and even affection, which seemed to us *to symbolize the relationship* that the countries of the sub-continent wish to have with the peple of Britain.

This latest visit confirmed once again that the attainment of independence *can release an energy* and vitality which shows itself in the progress and self-confidence of the three countries I visited.

At the same time, the rapid growth of population and the depth of poverty constitutes an immense challenge to their governments. They are doming much themselves but they need help; for example, the indirect help that would result from a steady expansion of the world economy and an upturn in world trade. But, more than that, there must be direct aid to relieve poverty, to help provide a proper economic infrastructure *to support* rural development and to prime the pump for industrial development.

India is making rural development a top priority in an attempt to lessen migration from the *countryside to the swollen populations* of its cities. In all three countries there are many opportunities for the development of our bilateral trade. There are favourable prospects for British firms because of the good will that we enjoy in the sub-continent.

The question of immigration did not figure prominently in the discussions which I had in South Asia. When it was raised with me, I made it clear that it was for the United Kingdom to take her own decisions in this matter.

I also emphasized in all the countries I visited the Govern*ment's determination to assure for* all our citizens, irrespective of race, colour or creed, full equality before the law; and to eliminate the evils of discrimination and racism.

In Banglasdesh, President Zia emphasized the importance he attaches to good relations with the United Kingdom and his wish to work with us closely on all matters. We discussed a number of specific questions of commercial and aid interest. One of them is an important project in which British companies might join for the development of natural gas *resources*.

Like the leaders of India and Pakistan, he gave me his impressions of the state of relations between the three countries, and all of them agreed that relations between them are improving.

I discussed with President Zia and later with Mr Desai in Delhi the massive benefits that would ensue from bringing the water resources of the Rivers Ganges and Brahmaputra under control. In much of the region a controlled water regime would enable three crops a year to be grown where only one grows now.

This is an area where tens of millions of people live, where poverty is great and where the population is growing rapidly.

This is an idea to catch the imagination and challenge the resources of the world. I assured both governments that if agreement could be reached among the countries directly concerned, *Britain would* be glad to lend experts and to contribute financially towards a study on the feasibility of such a project.

To carry it out would require international collaboration on a gigantic scale to overcome the physical, financial, and political problems. It might take 20 years to complete, but in view of the benefits it could bring I hope the Governments concerned can agree to an early study.

In India I was able to see at first hand the achievements of that great country since independence. In addition to formal talks and extensive private discussions with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Morarji Desai, and his Cabinet, I met opposition leaders and many others.

Indian society experienced great *strains during the state* of emergency but this vast country of over 600 million people is fortunate to have an outstanding leader of the wisdom and experience of Mr Desai to guide her back to democ*racy*.

India is proud of the way in which she accomplished her return to full democracy and that in itself has strengthened her links with Britain. She is conscious that both our *countries have a shared history*, a *shared* language, that our legal systems are intertwined and that our historic ties can be accepted at their true value without exaggeration and without bitterness as a firm *basis on which* to build for the future.

As Mr Desai himself put it: "Britain and India can never be parted."

I was honoured to address the Indian Parliament and said that I would be happy if my visit could be the beginning of an attempt to build a new framework of cooperation between India and Britain. We *have much in common* with this great nation, now the tenth largest industrial nation in the world.

The Indian Prime Minister and his Cabinet value the Commonwealth connexion and there is much we *can do together to use* our combined influence in our own different spheres of influence and in world groupings.

I had a very full discussion with Mr Desai on nuclear problems, in particular how to reconcile the need of all countries to benefit from the peaceful development of nuclear energy, with the avoidance of the spread of fissile material *that could be used for* nuclear weapons.

India has objections to acceding to the Non-Proliferation Treaty but has decided not to conduct further peaceful nuclear explosions. Mr Desai's view is that progress can be made if the present negotiations for a comprehensive test ban treaty now goong on between the United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom, can be brought to a successful conclusion.

The effect of such a treaty, by banning all nuclear tests, would be to hamper the development of new nuclear weapons and to curb what *is now called vertical proliferation*. Mr Dsai also told me that India would expect the nuclear weapon states to make determined efforts, which could be by way of another round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks following the completion of SALT 2, to agree on the progressive reduction of their stocks of nuclear weapons, with the ultimate aim of eliminating them.

Given such a policy, my understanding was that India would be able to accept a system of international safeguards for all its nuclear installations, some of which are of course *safeguarded* at present.

We also discussed at length the problems of Southern Africa and the Middle East. Mr Desai assured me *of his continued support for* the joint United States-United Kingdom initiative aimed at achieving a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia on the principle of one man one vote in free elections resulting in a democratically constituted government.

I raised the problem of our bilateral trade imbalance with India and of certain trade restrictions both with Mr Desai and with his ministers. They handed me a list of specific items of capital equipment which India would be interested in purchasing from Britain. We also discussed possible defence sales.

At my request, Mr Desai undertook to consider the possibility of Concorde being given permission to overfly India on the route to Singapore.

In Pakistan, I had a full talk with Genera lZia and had several opportunities to meet the leaders of the main political parties. General Zia assured me of his firm intention to restore democratic *government* in Pakistan at the earliest possible date and he described to me how he proposed to do this.

During my visit General Zia and his advisers reached a firm decision to set up a tractor assembly *plant in conjunction* with Massey Ferguson.

SECTION We also discussed a number of other commercial projects that could interest British firms in investing in Pakistan and we were able to clear *some outstanding* commercial difficulties out of the way.

Our talks covered the main international issues of mutual concern, including the Middle East and nuclear proliferation.

On my way home to London I was glad to be able to accept President Sadat's invitation to hold talks with him at Aswan. It was *clear that a crucial stage had been* reached in the historic negotiations between Egypt and Israel and that discussions were not going well.

Our talks complemented the discussions which I had held last month with Prime Minister Begin. Following my talks with President Sadat, I was in touch by telephone and telegram with President Carter in anticipation of Mr Cyrus *Vance's attendance at the political* committee negotiations which opened today in Jerusalem. I also sent a full letter to Mr Begin setting out my views.

British and American policy is very close on these matters, and we shall continue to work with the United States and with the Nine in the difficult negotiations that are taking place.

However, for the first time in many years peace in the Middle East is a possibility and none of the parties must let the opportunity slip.

I told President Sadat that the United Kingdom's role would be to continue to support the negotiators, to maintain contact with them to the extent that they find it welcome, and to ease the path of *negotiations wherever we can.* President Sadat made it clear that he, like Prime Minister Begin, very much welcomed this.

To sum up, while Britain in the 1970s rightly threw in her lot with the European Community, such a relationship should not be exclusive, and we should foster bilateral relations with other countries, especially those with whom we *have historic and other ties.*

Everywhere I went, there was a general recognition that the improvement in Britain's position during the last 12 months was of benefit not only to the British people, but also to the world in enabling us to exert a stronger influence in international and economic affairs; and there was a general welcome that Britain is *now able to take her proper place* in the world once again.

Mr Varley indicates willingness to appear again before select committee: £520m latest estimate of BSC losses

The latest estimate was that the British Steel Corporation would lose £520m in the current financial year, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said. During exchanges following that statement he was accused by Mr Russell Kerr, chairman of the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries, of telling the House "on a rather sneery basis" that the select committee had kept him waiting for 25 minutes and had not been able to get a quorum. Mr Varley indicated his willingness to meet the select committee again.

Mr Varley (Chesterfield, Lab), in reply to a private notice question by Mr Kerr, said: The latest estimate is that the loss will be about £520m. That includes the remaining contingency provision of £50m.

I emphasize that even at this stage in the financial year the estimate is subject to considerable uncertainties such as realized price and industrial relations in the steel industry and elsewhere.

Mr Russell Kerr (Hounslow, Feltham and Heston, Lab)—In view of recent disclosures in the press, does Mr Varley not think that it is more than ever important that the select committee which is charged by this House with responsibility for examining these matters, should have access to all the information which is necessary for the proper fulfilment of its functions?

Mr Varley—I have seen the press reports. The procedures adopted by the BSC and the Government have been fully observed on every occasion and they have been tightened up over the past four years.

At no stage have I or my officials been discourteous to the select committee. We have adopted normal procedures. On the contrary, on April 27 I was summoned to appear before the select committee and after being left outside the door for 25 minutes, they failed to raise a quorum.

I was subsequently asked to submit written answers. None of the questions referred to the financial provision of the BSC. Mr Kerr is a signatory to a report calling for closures and reduadancies and a departure from the Beswick review and all Labour MPs who are members of the select committee were committed to it at the last general election.

If I had come to the House in July or August, based on the financial results and forecasts only *three and a half months into this* financial year, and made some of the suggestions in the select committee report—which came only a week ago—I would have been criticized and Mr Kerr would have been the first to criticize me.

Mr Russell Kerr—On a point of order on the facts, we have been informed on a rather sneery basis by Mr Varley that he came and *there was no quorum. We apologized.* We have met on 208 occasions since the beginning of this Parliament and on three occasions there was no quorum, either of a subcommittee or of the whole committee.

Sir Keith Joseph, chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Leeds, North-East, C)—It is a fact that the select committee is dissatisfied *with the treatment it received* and that dissatisfaction, as I said last week, is a House of Commons matter.

Is Mr Varley not willing, in the light of all the material released to the press, now to conform to the select committee request and let it have the papers it asked for? The House can surely rely on the prudence of the select committee to treat papers with discretion in the light of possible confidentiality.

Are Mr Varley and Mr Foot aware of the select committee request for a debate and will he and Mr Foot ensure that there is a debate before Mr Varley makes a statement so that the views of the select committee may be considered by the House?

Mr Varley—The question of a debate is for Mr Foot and he made the position clear during business questions last Thursday.

As to my appearance before select committees or non-disclosure of papers, when I appeared I was not asked for a financial forecast of BSC at that time and I was not asked to deliver papers.

I am perfectly willing to go back to the select committee if it requires further evidence.

Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab)—I am grateful for Mr Varley's statement that he is willing to go back to the select committee for further discussions. If he and the Government openly communicated to the country matters which are of interest to specialist committees they would not have reached this situation. (Some cheers.)

This information could have been *conveyed and in consequence* the select committee's findings would have been that much more accurate when published.

Mr Varley—At no occasion have I been asked to put papers to the select committee regarding the financial returns of BSC. These questions were not put to me either in April when the committee submitted written questions or in December when I appeared before the committee.

In the four years that I have been a member of the Government and appeared before many select committees I have always given maximum cooperation and observed the customs of the House.

Mr John Biffen (Oswestry, C)—The losses to which Mr Varley refers indicate the imperative need *for a reassessment of a more* appropriate investment programme. In these circumstances, when were the chairman of BSC, Sir Charles Villiers, and himself first told that losses of this magnitude were a likely probability?

Mr Varley—There is a system of reporting between BSC and the department. There are monthly reports which are conditional in *some respects but* there are quarterly financial reports. The figure I saw in the press over the weekend of £466m was reported in the normal course of events to the department in August.

The question I would like to address o MPs is: should the Government at that stage, only about four months into this financial year, have jumped to the conclusion of the select committee, only reported to the Commons a week ago, that there should be closure of a number of plants, particularly those maintained in production as a result of the Beswick review? (Labour shouts of "Read the rest of it" and "not without agreement of the unions".)

I am sorry, but if we had come to the House with that conclusion and come on the financial results of four months, we should not only have been criticized by Labour MPs but by Opposition MPs as well.

Mr William Ross (Kilmarnock, Lab)—What does Mr Varley think would have been the reaction of the unions to him producing the kind of conclusion that the select committee has reported? What are the implications of the select committee report for unemployment in Scotland?

Mr Varley—I cannot give the precise implications for Scotland but *there is no doubt there would be* some. On the reaction of the trade unions, I do not expect the Conservatives to take this into account but in 1973 we actually said as a party, immediately on taking office, that we would freeze and then reconsider all plans for redundancies. We did that and the Beswick review was reported to this House. We are the custodians of this review. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Kenneth Baker (City of Westminster, St Marylebone, C)—Mr Varley's answers have been most unconvincing. The BSC has known *from well beyond August that it* was going to make substantial losses this year. The only thing that changed was the gigantic size of the losses.

It is time Mr Varley brought proposals before the House about the Government's intentions for the steel investment programme.

Mr Varley—There is no doubt that BSC are facing the most devastating market *conditions. Not only* BSC but every steel company throughout the world is facing these conditions—Germany, France—and companies in the United States are actually losing more a *tonne than BSC.*

We are looking with BSC and the trade unions to see hok ke can put this situation right. But we are not going to panic or take arbitrary action.

Mr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw, Lab)—After reading the select committee's report, the chairman of the Scottish TUC and the chairman of the Scottish division of BSC do not regard it as damaging to the interests of steel workers.

The minute submitted by the chief executive of BSC to the corporation board meeting on July 28 clearly brings out that the biggest single cause of the losses of BSC is the fall in prices as a result of imports and dumping.

Had that information been publicly available, this House would have been concerned to see that far more urgent action had been taken and taken promptly to put a stop to this dumping in Europe.

Mr Varley—I did say to the select committee that action on dumping where it was justified would be taken. The Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Dell) has taken some action.

It attended a private meeting a few months ago at which Mr Bray pressed on me that the investment programme of BSC should go ahead. One of the recommendations of the select committee is that it is imperative for reductions in the planned capital expenditure.

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid-Sussex, C)—I for one would be pleased to welcome Mr Varley before the committee. The last official financial forecast given by the Government was in the public sector borrowing requirement published last March which showed a loss of *generated funds of £50m.* But within four weeks of that figure the Government knew from the corporation they were operating to an expected loss of £350m.

Surely the Secretary of State knew that the select committee was investigating the corporation at that time and he had a duty to make that deficiency known to us even if we did not ask that question? Did not the Minister of State (Mr Gerald Kaufman) have a duty to make that known when we were debating the iron and steel borrowing powers on July 22? He said nothing about the increased financial losses of BSC.

Mr Varley—We have known, and he has known, about the difficult marketing and financial position of BSC for a long time. It is not only our own industry but a worldwide situation—a *devastating situation.*

As to cooperating with the committee, I was prepared to. I turned up to April 27 and the select committee was not there to ask any questions. I submitted full answers to all the questions they put to me at that time. In fact, if I am correct, members of the select committee actually criticized the Government at that stage for not *allowing some of the investment,* such as Port Talbot and the rest.

Miss Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab)—Finance and balance sheets should not be the first consideration in trying to solve problems. Will he confirm that redundancies will be kept to a minimum, that where this has to be phased, alternative jobs will be provided and that investment programmes will not be slashed in a panic attempt to stem the present situation.

Mr Varley—She is right if she is saying that there is a serious position. We are addressing ourselves *to it as urgently as we can and we* want to do so rationally and humanely.

Mr John Mendelson (Penistone, Lab)—As the investment and long-term plans form the background to the report and to the position the Government are facing, the people who work in and owe their livelihood to the industry will be most concerned that they should contain *the panic* mongering going on. Mr Varley should maintain the steady nerve he has shown so far, and the procedural matter cannot take precedence.

The Government should not be *hounded into treating this report* in a different way from all other select committee reports. The Government must have proper time to consider the points of the report and to reply to it. The procedural matter can be considered by all those concerned with procedure and not with hostile propaganda.

Mr Varley—He shows an understanding of the *situation which I* regret that MPs in some parts of the House do not show. I agree with him entirely.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—He is not doing much to enhance his reputation as a moderate. He i very petulant towards a MP who has participated *production* of an document—a bipartisan document—that ought to come to the Secretary of St

Is he saying that nothi deviate him from the recommendations or is petulantly saying that it is wants to do it and not w House, represented by th committee, wants to do it?

Mr Varley—I am not bei tant. I am just pointing o the facts are. I am pre necessary and if the select tee would like to see me a go there and cooperate wi as much as I can, as I have done—with other selec- tees I have appeared befor

It is a matter for the Ho a matter for the Govern consultation with the B those who represent the there, and these discuss taking place.

Mr Mike Thomas (Newcas Tyne, East, Lab)—The cr has a major complaint ag chairman of the BSC. He w to provide up-to-date stati signally failed to do so.

Mr Varley—I have full cr in Sir Charles Villiers in he has reported to the de and the way he has given tion to the department deal of damage is being some MPs getting hysteric the behaviour of the BS man.

Mr Michael Neubert (T Romford, C)—Does he co regard this projected loss as a private matter betwe self and the parliamentary Party. The taxpayer has a to the tune of £10m every Mr Varley—We have to ta to achieve a long-term vi *industry. That will not be* the basis of taking panic as a result of select c reports, or any other repo

Mr Donald Anderson (East, Lab)—However vi portant are the questions tesy to the select comm key issue is one of job steelmaking areas, and th health of the steel indust does he expect to mak statement to the House decision the industry, in Government agree?

Mr Varley—I want to mak ment as soon as the di currently taking place s pleted. They have been for some weeks. There some weeks elapsed bef are concluded. I will mak ment to the House as possible.

A matter for the House

It was for the House of Commons and not the Speaker to define the limits of contempt and to decide whether contempt had been committed, The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) ruled.

He said that he had been asked last Thursday by Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab) to rule on the failure to *provide documents when a select* committee asked for them.

It is not for the Speaker to define the limits of contempt (he said) nor to say in particular cases whether contempt has been committed. My predecessors in this Chair were always very careful to avoid giving an opinion one way or another on such matters. It is for the House to pass gener tions on the matter of and to decide whether, in ular case, contempt has b mitted.

The function of the S strictly confined to whether a point raised as of privilege should hav dence over the orders of t

I am certain that t should go no farther. It fore not for me to expre eral view on matters raise Cunningham.

He understood that th Committee on Procedure to examine the whole que the circumstances it w wiser for him to go no fa

Pakistan and the Commonwealth

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—While he was away the Secretary of State for Defence is reported as having said that the peace proposals put forward by Israel are not nearly sufficient. Is *this the Government's view?*

We welcome the statement that the Indian Prime Minister is, as I understand it, going to agree to the rules of the nuclear non-proli*feration club without joining it.* He mentioned peaceful nuclear testing. I thought that had been the stumbling block at Geneva. Does that mean that at Geneva we got past the previous difficulty about agreement on peaceful nuclear tests?

Could Mr Callaghan be a bit more forthcoming on his views on the prospects for a return to *democracy in Pakistan?*

Mr Callaghan—On Middle East negotiations it is probably true to say that both sides are taking up negotiating positions from which each side may well have to move. The Secretary of State for Defence referred to one negotiating position but there is more than one.

If we are to get agreement both on withdrawal in Sinai and the *position of the future of the West* Bank then both sides will have to move from positions they have so far taken. I have myself put this clearly both to President Sadat and to Prime Minister Begin but I would be asked not to be pressed unduly on this because these are delicate negotiations, as Mrs Thatcher recognizes.

My own view is that it is possible to meet Israel's proper, natural and vital need for her security while at the same time meeting the requirements of Palestinians on the West Bank to be able to conduct their own affairs. I believe it is not, *impossible to achieve that but it* will take a great deal of careful negotiation.

On the question of Mr Desai's view about agreeing the rules without joining the club, I did *not say* that. He believes that a number of qualifications must be fulfilled before he could carry his country along that road. One would be the completion of a comprehensive test *ban treaty and the second*, because of that, vertical proliferation would be ruled out. The third condition would be another round of Salt talks.

I think that if those things were done then Mr Desai would be ready, I understand, to meet the full international safeguards which are imperative if the world is to survive without actually signing the non-proliferation treaty.

I would prefer it if other countries did so but if we cannot get that then let us get that which achieves the same purpose.

On peaceful nuclear explosions, progress is being made as a result of Mr Brezhnev's statement last October but there are still problems. I cannot say that agreement has been reached on that point.

On Pakistan, I spoke to a number of political leaders and they are anxious that democracy should be restored there. They recognize that there are difficulties in doing it now but I have hopes; and in the light of what I was told, we could see a full return to democracy in 1978.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—Did he discuss with Mr Desai the United Nations proposal that the Indian Ocean should be a zone of peace?

Was there any discussion in Pakistan of the possibility of her rejoining the Commonwealth, and did the Prime Minister indicate there would be a warm welcome if she was so to do?

Was the pessimism indicated by President Sadat in his statement justified by the talks the Prime Minister had in Aswan?

Mr Callaghan—I did not have discussions with Mr Desai on the zone of peace. Our position was made clear at the United Nations. We are concerned to see that countries that maintain fleets in the Indian Ocean are negotiating for reduc*tions in those fleets.*

The question of Pakistan's membership of the Commonwealth was discussed between General Zia and myself. What I said to him, and was interested to find it confirmed, was that I thought as one member of the Commonwealth, and this is a matter for all 36, we would feel that all political parties in Pakistan would want a return to the Commonwealth so that it did not become a matter of party dispute.

I found that all the party leaders I spoke to were favourably disposed to seeking membership.

That does not mean they have reached conclusions. I advised General Zia that if he thought this was a general view to discuss it with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

On Britain's position, I said I would want to hear the views of the House but that there would be a strong case for readmission if Pakistan clearly showed she wished to return.

As to whether Mr Sadat's pessimism was justified, things were sticky last Saturday. The intervention of President Carter helped to remedy the situation. There are hard decisions for Israel to take here but Israel will have to take these decisions.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab)—As we have more expertise than possibly anywhere else in the world in winning natural gas under difficult conditions, would the Government consider plans whereby this expertise could be made available to India on reasonable terms?

Mr Callaghan—I was not slow to point out in Bangladesh and Pakistan the advantages of British technology. Two British firms have been approached and one approached me regarding Bangladesh.

On Pakistan, the matter is not so advanced there but General Zia was keen that Britain should be associated with this development and I hope British firms will take it up. I am asking the Secretary of State for Industry to raise this matter in the appropriate quarters here.

Later, in answer to Mr John Watkinson (West Gloucestershire, Lab), Mr Callaghan said—I indicated to the Indian Government that the British Government would be willing to stand behind British Airways if substantial damage arose from overflying by Concorde during an experimental period. Before *doing this I had consul*tations back here. I was told this was a reasonable thing to offer and I did.

Mr Desai offered to consider all *these matters and give me an* answer in due course.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C)—Exactly how much additional expenditure has he loaded on to the British taxpayer in overseas aid to pay for the various grandiose schemes he has mentioned, over and above the large sums of overseas aid already paid for by the British taxpayer in South-East Asia *which he totally failed to mention* in his statement? (Labour protests.)

Mr Callaghan—This is Mr Onslow's usual shabby approach to these matters. (Labour cheers.) Overseas aid is not only of humanitarian benefit to the peoples of the world but of great value to Britain too. Where Britain is concerned this builds an economic infrastructure.

In India the agreement has been signed and the figures published. The figure was £144m. The agreement was signed and I am confident that this aid has a profound and beneficial impact upon Britain's commercial relations with India in a number of directions.

It is also a way in which the rich countries of the world, of whom we are still one, can give assistance *to some of the direst poverty* I have seen in my life. (Renewed Labour cheers.)

I not only felt ashamed (he said later) of some of the poverty we moved among when I remembered some of the arguments that have gone on in Cabinet about how we should cut overseas aid, but I was deeply moved by the affection that is felt for this country, especially in India. This is something we should take fully in to account in our overseas policy.

Here is a great country, a great democracy, with which we have *historical ties.* With their relations with the developing world and our relations with the developed world, both of us with our knowledge of each other could play a great part together in helping to solve some of the problems of the world. (Further Labour cheers.)

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Theft Bill, second reading. State Immunity Bill, second reading.

Government rethinking rate system change

It did not appear possible to introduce legislation in the life of the present Parliament to give effect to the proposal for capital valuation of rates, Mr Alec Jones, Under Secretary for Wales, said. That was one of the reasons why the Government were looking at the *matter again.*

Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea, East, Lab) had asked what steps it was proposed to take to protect Welsh ratepayers in any changeover to a capital value basis of revaluation.

Mr Alec Jones (Rhondda, Lab)—It is our intention that when capital valuation is introduced provision should be made for the phasing in *of any changes in rate bills resulting* from the capital value basis. Should extreme cases arise, permanent arrangements to mitigate the effects may be made.

Mr Anderson—Most informed observers in Wales believe that the new basis of valuation could have disastrous effects in Wales unless there is permanent protection for Welsh ratepayers. What permanent proposals does he have to protect the totality of the Welsh ratepayer?

Mr Jones—We are aware of the feelings which exist in Wales. It does not, however, appear that it will be possible to introduce the necessary legislation to give effect to the capital valuation in the life of this Parliament. For that reason and because of the representations being made, and in the light of the parliamentary situation and what Mr Anderson and others have said about these proposals, the Government are considering the position.

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Opposition *spokesman on Wales (Pembroke,* C)—Perhaps Mr Jones is seeking to give the impression that he is reexamining the whole question. We regard the proposal as retrograde, particularly for Wales. Will he not look at the whole scheme again and consider whether it would not be sensible to drop it?

Mr Jones—The Government are looking at it in the light of developments.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru)—Will he give consideration to those areas with a high rate of second homes and those areas of high tourism?

Mr Jones—All those factors will be taken into account.

Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C)—Would he take account of the fact that this proposal would almost *certainly impinge more harshly on* ratepayers? What is wanted is something to hurt them less, as the present system is grotesquely unfair in its incidence.

Mr Jones—The domestic ratepayer in Wales is not unfairly treated under the present system compared with England.

Valuation of reserves

Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in a written reply, said: The Government have under review the appro*priate method of valuing the gold* content of the United Kingdom's official reserves. In reaching a decision on the matter the Government will take account of the second amendment to the IMF's Articles of Egreement which, if ratified, will in effect abolish the official price of gold.

Airline passengers to pay for security

The Civil Aviation Authority was likely to reach its borrowing limit of £75m next year, Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said when moving the second *reading of the Civil Aviation Bill.* The Bill, he added, would allow the earlier borrowing limit to be raised to £125m and for the work of the authority to be developed. It also provided that the burden of security expenditure on civil aviation services should be transferred from the taxpayer to the industry from April 1, 1978.

Mr Dell (Birkenhead, Lab) said most of the authority's investment programme had been in the provision of air traffic services. It had recently started work on a project for the replacement of primary and secondary radar equipment which would enable a reduction in the number of sites.

It was seven years since the Civil Aviation Act had been passed and it had been a period of rapid change and development. Last year had seen the new United Kingdom-United States air service agreement within which the Laker Skytrain had started. British Caledonian was now flying to Houston and British Airways would start to fly to San Francisco.

It was an era of lower fares, notably on the North American routes. All would be watching the effects of new low fares on the quantity of traffic and profitability of the airlines. British Airways had also been able to reduce its freight rates to the United States.

Negotiations were also in progress with the United States on a charter air services agreement. He hoped they would reach an agree*ment this year*, which would maintain the balance with an adequate level of schedule services, and further benefits to air travellers.

There could be no doubt about the appeal of the Concorde service to New York, and new routes were being considered.

In the context of those developments and challenges the Government had taken the opportunity to extend British Airways borrowing powers to provide for the next five years. The existing limit of £700m was expected to last another two or three years, when the proposed increase to £850m *should be available.*

With the growth of terrorism the Government had decided that the burden of security expenditure on civil aviation services should be transferred from the taxpayer to the industry from April 1, 1978. In the United States, Canada and Japan airlines fully or in part *met these costs. In the United* Kingdom they amounted to £5m in 1973, were estimated at £15m this year and next year were estimated at £19m.

The rate of the levy to cover these costs would be 80p per passenger. The administration of the Aviation Security Fund set up under the Bill could be looked at in the light of experience.

The Government wished to see the maintenance of security standards sufficient to ensure the safety of all passengers.

The Bill also provided that all aerodrome authorities should have the same powers to control noise, vibration or atmospheric pollution.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, an Opposition spokesman on trade (South Hertfordshire, C) said there were *strong arguments in favour of* transferring the cost of airport security from the taxpayer to the air traveller.

He was in favour of the principle, but had substantial reservations about the proposed scheme. It was a cumbersome scheme, and administratively expensive. It was proposed to have a levy on the airports and not on the airlines using them. That would increase administrative costs, although not on central government.

The fixed levy per passenger deprived airports of any incentive *to provide an efficient* and inexpensive service. Luton airport was able to provide the security service which the Government demanded at an approximate cost of 28p, or £245,000. The operating cost of 80p would mean that Luton would contribute £800,000.

Luton was an efficient airport which took pride in giving good service, but it was going to be putting up a substantial sum with no incentive not to spend it. It might be encouraged to waste money because there was no benefit to it from not doing so.

Why could not the department set the standards of security and monitor them, and allow local authorities to recover the costs from their passengers?

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton East, Lab) said Luton airport had proved to the Government's satisfaction that perfectly satisfactory security could be provided at 28p and the question being asked there was there the other 52p was goong. It was a curious way to save public expenditure.

Mr George Park (Coventry, North-East, Lab) said the Government seemed to have chosen the most difficult way of approaching the problem of airport security. They were making rods for their own backs if they departed from the principle that *the general public* were entitled to have their security looked after by state provision in going about their daily business. Ye was by no means sure about the principle which lay behind this security charge.

Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L) said it was right in principle that the charge should fall on the airline passenger. It did not seem *unreasonable* to charge 80p a passenger for airport security arrangements.

Sir Stephen McAdden (Southend, East, C) said it would be fairer to lev the 148 airlines than the proposal to make the 28 airports the collection points for the aviation security fund. It should not be a flat rate levy but should increase in line with the length of the journey.

Mr Hugh Jenkins (Wandsworth, Putney, Lab) said there had been a neglect of the interests of the citizen on the ground. They should *restore to the citizen* the right to sue an airline operator who created excessive and unreasonable noise.

Mr James Molyneaux (South Antrim, UU) said the suggestion that categories of citizens should pay for their own security was a fairly revolutionary idea. He was not convinced the proposal was fair or just. It was surely the responsibility of the Government.

Mr Paul Channon (Southend, West, C) said that he was worried about whether the charge would hurt small, municipal airports. Would they have the resources to pay for and carry out the duties in the Bill?

Mr Toby Jessel (Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham, C) said he hoped some extra revenue would be raised by the differential nois landing charge and that it would be applied to the reduction of the nuisance to people living in the flight path. It should be used as a noise tax, either to reduce the *rates of households badly affected* by aircraft noise or to provide for double glazing sound insulation.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said an first responsibility was i security. The Bill seeme taking that responsibili from them and giving it t airport authorities or loc ority airports. Airlines was a retrograde step and was the first of several att take away a group of res ties.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Forest, Chingford, C) Opposition, said the Bill c the latest application of th ple that "the user should

The air traveller (he regarded by the Governm sort touch. He has to be ric the sort of charges in this as opposed to those in the *States, for internal flights.*

For all its difficulties th sion would not vote second reading of the B overriding consideration trolling public spending w

Mr Clinton Davis, Under S of State for Trade (B Central, Lab) said that the to provide a single stan security against terrorism t out the country, and the r recommended were comme with the threat and the loca tions. There would be expense at some airports others. The traffic at each did not necessarily bear a tion to the expense of measures.

It was reasonable to pro flat rate of levy a pa throughout the country res of the arbitrary variations o head in each area.

It was true to some exte the flat rate of 80p discri against short-haul flights. the view of the industry consultations that a flat r preferable to variable rates

If they subsequently felt t a problem which offended any way it would be open t to charge a smaller levy on haul flights and compensate larger levy on international The department was prepa reconsider this matter in th of experience. Flexibility w keynote.

The Government woul wholly opposed to the cons selling shares in British Airw the public.

The White Paper on airpo tegy would be published la ter of days.

The Bill was read a second

Admiralty charts being improved

Mr Patrick Duffy, Under Secretary for the Royal Navy, said in a written reply: In home waters the programme of surveys for defence purposes will continue to provide information which will enable Admiralty charts to be updated, and unstable areas on important shipping routes will continue to be monitored by the Hydrographer. *Some effort will also be devoted* to extending the areas in home waters surveyed to full modern standards.

In overseas areas Admiralty *charts of the Persian Gulf and of* Ghanaian waters will be improved by the results of surveys being carried out there. The Hydrographer will also continue to make the best use of material supplied by foreign hydrographers and other surveying agencies in order to keep charts up to date.

Growing concern over safety at sea

European Parliament

Luxembourg

Concern was increasingly being expressed about safety at sea, Mr John Prescott (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab) said during a debate on a resolution urging more positive action on this subject.

He said that wide concern had been expressed by workers' organizations and experts that safety at sea was not adequately protected by international agreement. He wanted to know what special studies the EEC Commission had made of his problem and whether they would consider *an action pro*gramme to improve safety standards.

This programme should include international safety standards for ship construction and *common* standards for crew qualifications and training. There should be joint research projects on development of navigational aids and common rules with regard *to the shipping* of materials which could damage the environment, in particular oil tankers.

There should also be the introduction of compulsory sea routes and designation of certain areas where shipping of certain products would not be allowed.

The Commission should state what action they proposed to take *following the recent declaration of* OECD concerning substandard ships.

He was concerned about the attitude of convenience countries like Liberia and Panama which allowed rust buckets to sink at sea and then never held an inquiry. They never enforced proper safety standards and evidence showed that when accidents happened to such ships *there were doubts* about the manning and competence of the crews.

There was no adequate consultation with the Commission about the enforcement of Interna *Labour Organization standar*

Signor Antonio Giolitti, Co sioner for regional develop said it was extremely imp that progress in the area of *at sea took place on the* ba possible international level. Commission was concerned the problems.

They ought to adopt a co stand wherever possible. The ter had been discussed at a m in November and further me would be held. They were d sins the problem of flags of venience and things of this *They had agreed to hold me* of common interest, such as t manning.

The Commission was now cerned to promote meetings o *kind and the first positive ex* of this was that held in Nover

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Bernard Levin writes the first in a series on the tragedy that has overtaken Vietnam today

The victors and the victims: where have all the protesters gone?

"It is better for someone trying to preserve intact his admiration for a revolution not to know its victims." Thus spake Jean Lacouture, perhaps the best of all those who reported the Vietnam War, a man whose honesty and objectivity throughout the conflict were trusted by both sides, whose dominant concern was for the sufferings of the Vietnamese people, not for any ideological preconceptions, yet whose instinctive sympathies were with those who opposed American intervention and wanted it to fail. And those words of his are bitterly relevant today, as more and more information filters through the net of silence in which the unified communist state of Vietnam is enwrapped. It comes as no surprise to me to learn that the rulers of the new Vietnam are engaged on the extinction of human rights throughout the country, that they have killed many of their opponents and imprisoned many more, that those Vietnamese who opposed American intervention and the Governments of Thieu and Ky in the South, but in the name of freedom and peace rather than communism, are among those who are now being most relentlessly persecuted by the victors, that the destruction of the Buddhist Church proceeds relentlessly. Nor am I surprised that the Vietnamese rulers and their actions are still being commended in the West and their totalitarian oppression denied or even condoned.

Fortunately, however, I am also not surprised that there are brave and honest men and women, particularly in the United States, who opposed America's part in the Vietnam War (some of them went to jail for their acts of defiance) and denounced the governments of the South, but who are now protesting at the violation of human rights on the part of Vietnam's present rulers. I have seen no word of such protest on the part of the Susan Sontags and Mary McCarthys, the David Dellingers and Paul Sweezys, the Joan McMichaels or Peggy Duffs, the Corliss Lamonts or Fathers Berrigan; indeed, when an appeal to Vietnam's communist rulers was published (after many months of private representations) urging them to respect human rights, to permit independent investigation of the charges against them, and to release or prosecute those detained without trial, the signatories were attacked in a counter-statement, which put the blame on the United States, spoke airily of "some Saigon collaborationists" who "have been detained in reeducation centres" (a wonderfully revealing phrase), and concluded that "The present government of Vietnam should be hailed for its moderation and for its extraordinary effort to achieve reconciliation among all of its people".

Before I go on to give examples if the brutalities and oppressions of these apostles of moderation and reconciliation, I want to give the names of some of those Americans who fought their own Government for its part in the Vietnam war, but who believe that tyranny is to be denounced wherever it is practised. The appeal I mentioned was signed by, among others, Joan Baez, Roger Baldwin, Daniel Ellsberg, Howard Fast, James Forest (Forest, who spent a year in prison for his actions—specifically, destroying draft records—in the campaign against American intervention, has now been smeared as a CIA agent and another revealing phrase—a "covert anti-communist"), Allen Ginsberg and Richard Neuhaus.

From the material assembled by those who prepared the appeal, from the efforts of such men at Theodore Jacqueney (a former State Department official in Vietnam who resigned his job in protest against American support for President Thieu) and from the reports of refugees, I have collected a depressingly large amount of evidence that, as some would put it, human rights are being violated on an enormous and systematic scales in Vietnam, or that, as I would put it myself, the rulers of a totalitarian state are behaving like the rulers of a totalitarian state. This, therefore, is the first of a consecutive series of columns on the subject, which I write not in the expectation of persuading leopards to change their spots, or even in the hope that those who stridently maintain that the leopards are utterly unspotted will fall silent, but in the cause of what Camus called "the eternal refugee from the camp of the victor", to wit, justice.

I begin with the testimony of Nguyen Cong Hoan, a recent refugee from Vietnam. Hoan gave evidence before an American congressional committee, and later expanded on his remarks there in a long interview with Theodore Jacqueney, published in the official magazine of the American trade union organization, the AFL-CIO. (Can you, incidentally, imagine our TUC today in its principal publication, devoting a quarter of its space, including the whole of the front page, to an account of oppression in a communist country?)

Hoan is 34 years old; his record is such that his testimony can certainly be trusted. For he was not a supporter of the fallen leaders in the South, who might be expected to paint a grim picture of the conquerors' activities; on the contrary, he was a leading *opponent* of the Thieu regime, and when the communists finally won he was appointed as a reward to the "Parliament" in Hanoi. But then disillusion set in, as he saw for himself the oppression which followed. As a member of the National Assembly under the new regime, Mr Hoan had the opportunity to visit some of the "reeducation centres" set up by the victors in the South for their victims. This is what he had to say about the three he saw:

> The prisoners looked like skeletons. When there were no camp officials around, they complained that they never had enough to eat. They did hard labour. The death rate in the camps was very high . . . The worst treatment in the prison camps was reserved for members of political parties who opposed the communists, even if they also opposed Saigon dictatorships . . . Many prisoners were also intellectuals and professionals who had criticized the former regime. The first detentions, in June 1975, were for former military and civilian government officials. Later in 1975 they began taking former journalists, writers and scholars. Those whom the authorities felt had anti-communist beliefs were sent to the most remote, harshest re-education camps. These were people jailed for their opinions —not because they had done anything criminal.

The three camps that Mr Hoan visited belonged to a group of seven, of which the total population was about 6,000; these camps were set up for prisoners of one province, the total population of which is about 300,000. If the camps in the other provinces of the South hold a similar proportion (and there was nothing to suggest that the province Mr Hoan covered was in any way exceptional) that would give a total camp population of some 340,000. Mr Hoan himself says the figure is "at least 200,000". And other refugees, many of whom had themselves been in the camps, fill in the outline of his statistics with grimly realistic detail. These refugees

> provide accounts of 'deaths resulting from "overwork and disease" in the prisons, including malnutrition, beriberi, dysentery, exhausting induced by forced labour, casualties from minefield sweeping and suicide. Former internees also describe widespread vision loss, paralysis and infectious skin diseases, caused by the long-term, closely-packed, manacled, dark, hot, damp and filthy detention conditions. Ex-prisoners also report witnessing frequent nervous breakdowns bordering on insanity, brought on by oppressive prison living conditions and camp authorities' incessant demands for "self-criticism" confessions detailing personal and family biography and political views, over and over and over again.

So much for the general picture. But it is filled in, in grim detail, by the accounts of other refugees from the new Vietnam, and some of their accounts I shall give tomorrow.

(To be continued)

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Scots MPs will always have a job to do at Westminster

The basic defect of the devolution plans has not been resolved

There has been growing speculation as to the future role of Scottish MPs at Westminster in the event of an Assembly in Edinburgh being established.

Some have suggested that Scottish MPs will have little to do in the House of Commons other than to debate foreign affairs and defence. Others have implied that they will spend most of their time after devolution in debating and voting on English measures while the problems that affect their constituents in Scotland are determined by the Scottish Assembly and executive.

Those who put forward such propositions have yet to provide any factual or statistical basis for their conclusions. The truth of the matter is that, notwithstanding the ultimate implementation of the Scotland Bill, there will still be a full and time-consuming role for Scotland's representatives in the House of Commons.

This claim can be substantiated in a number of ways. For example, since the beginning of 1974 there have been 267 Acts of Parliament that have received the Royal Assent. Of these, 200 Acts either apply throughout the United Kingdom or solely to Scotland. The remaining 67 apply only to England, Wales or Northern Ireland.

If in the period since the beginning of 1974 a Scottish Assembly, with the legislative powers proposed in the present Bill, had been in operation only 47 of the Acts of Parliament that have applied to Scotland would have been in respect of devolved matters and have been the sole responsibility of the Assembly. The remaining 153 Acts that have applied to Scotland either alone or as part of the United Kingdom (out of a total of 200) would still have been the sole responsibility of the House of Commons as they would have been concerned with non-devolved matters.

So as far as legislation is concerned, Scottish MPs at Westminster will, if the past four years are anything to go by, have over 75 per cent of their present work-load remaining, irrespective of devolution.

If one applies criteria other than legislation, the conclusions that must be drawn are even more striking. Select committees, for example, represent one of the most important activities of MPs who are not in the Government. There are, at present, 15 select committees covering expenditure, public accounts, EEC legislation, race relations, nationalized industries and other major aspects of Parliament's work. All of them are of equal relevance to MPs from throughout the United Kingdom and not one will have its remit reduced as a result of devolution to Scotland. Thus the involvement of Scottish MPs in select committees after devolution can be as full, relevant and legitimate as at present.

The other useful criterion to apply is whether Scottish MPs will have any substantial interest in the work of United Kingdom government departments after devolution. Clearly the Scottish Office's responsibilities will be drastically reduced and that great spending department will become a shadow of its present self. Certain other departments are, already, irrespective of devolution, essentially English affairs. The Department of Education and Science, for example, has no present remit in Scotland except for the universities, the arts and research councils, and of these the arts will go to the Assembly.

Likewise, the Department of the Environment has only minimal responsibilities north of the border, while the Home Office has no involvement in Scotland for police, prisons or law reform.

However, they are the exceptions. Notwithstanding devolution, 12 government departments will remain with almost identical responsibilities for the whole of the United Kingdom.

They include the Treasury, which will not only retain general responsibility for the British economy but which has successfully resisted any powers of taxation for the de assemblies. The House of mons will thus remain th legislature in the United dom able to levy taxatio

Other major department will retain United Kin wide responsibilities ar Foreign and Common Office (including all EEC ters), the Department c dustry, the Ministry of De the Department of Energ cluding North Sea oil) an Departments of Trade, En ment, Overseas Develop and Prices and Consume tection.

Furthermore, the Depar of Health and Social Se will retain sole respons for pensions and social se in Scotland as elsewhere, the Department of Trad and the Home Office will tinue with major powe Scotland as part of the U Kingdom. In addition, the tish Office will remain wit portant supervisory and li powers in regard to the A bly and the Scottish law of will still be members o United Kingdom governme

It can thus be seen, t fore, that there will be no age of work for Scottish M do at Westminster. They certainly, no longer be di involved in Scottish hou education, or health, bu sumably those MPs partic interested in those and devolved matters will seek tion to the Assembly r than to Westminster. There after all, many English who take little active int in English housing or e tional Bills, but who pref concentrate their time abilities on taxation, indu energy, defence or other U Kingdom matters.

Indeed, part of the pro for Scottish MPs, as show a recent study at Strath University, is that Scottish at Westminster have spent of their time on Scottish is and less on matters affe the whole United Kingdom might have been desirable. should no longer hap though if the reverse oc this might be a matter of e regret.

The fact that Scottish would have a full role to at Westminster after dev tion does not, of course, in way resolve the faundame defect in the government's posals; namely that Scot MPs will also be able to on purely English dome issues, while their English leagues will have lost corresponding right to influe Scottish legislation. That i defect that can, probably, c be resolved by either creat a federal United Kingdom by dropping devolution a gether.

There is also the question the proper number of Scott MPs who should sit in House of Commons. This i separate issue on which mu can be said both for maint ance and for reduction of present total of 71.

The arguments I have vanced, however, should dem strate that if the Scott Assembly does become a reali there need be no serious s gestion that Scottish MPs Westminster will become irre vant or part-time. The Hou of Parliament will remain British legislature and Membe of Parliament from Scotland well as England will still fully involved in representi the legitimate and varied inte ests of their constituents.

Malcolm Rifkin

The author is Conservative M for Edinburgh Pentlands.

Escalating things too far

Continuing our occasional series on words.

With luck the *escalation* of the vogue for using *escalate* and *escalation* to mean no more than any old increase in anything has halted. Let us now hope for a rapid *de-escalation*, so that the new word can be confined to the meanings for which it was invented: the cold jargon of nuclear deterrence and thence, metaphorically, the hot jargon of wages and prices.

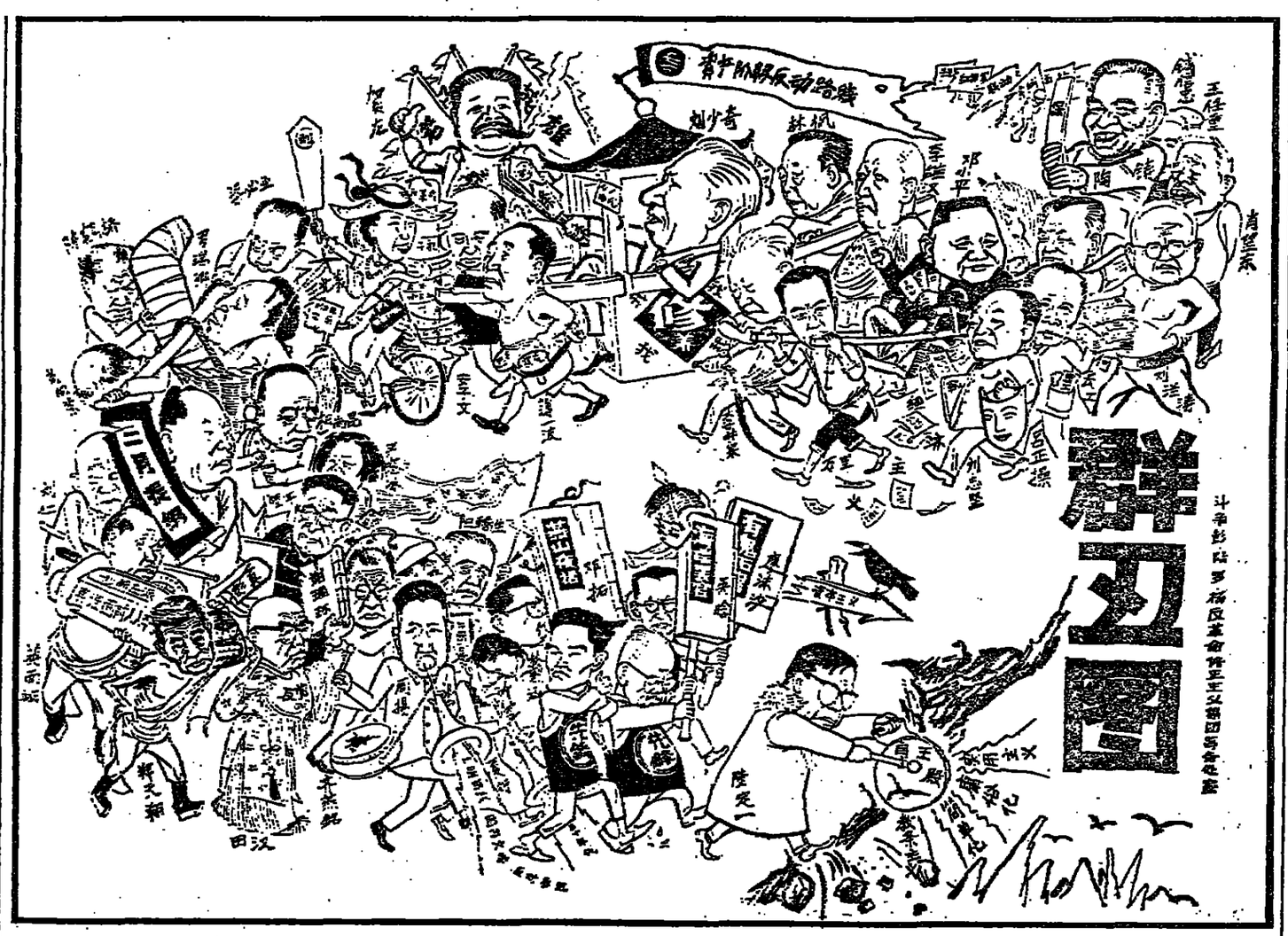
The words are a back-formation from escalator, the name invented for a moving staircase, and derived from the Latin *scala*, a ladder. *Escalate* originally came into the language to mean to climb or reach by means of an escalator, or intransitively, to travel on an escalator. So picturesque a new word rapidly acquired figurative uses. As early as 1938 *The Kansas City Star* explained: "*Escalation* means the building of bigger battleships when other nations do so." As early as 1947 Hugh Dalton was telling the House of Commons that the report (of the War Damage Commission) did advise a certain *escalation*.

But the words did not *escalate* out of the underground into prominence until they were adopted by the thermonuclear strategists and jargonauts. The guru of them all, Herman Kahn, whose semantic fall-out has polluted the western world, gave the authoritative definition in his book *Thinking about the Unthinkable* in 1962: "There is a tendency for each side to counter the other pressure with a somewhat stronger one of its own. This increasing pressure step by step is called *escalation*."

Accordingly, to *escalate* is a precise and logical verb that means to increase by successive stages. It looks silly and pretentious when used indiscriminately to mean no more than to increase or accelerate.

Escalation is a suitable word to describe the act or process of increasing armaments, prices, wages, and so on, or an increase or development by successive stages, specifically the development of conventional warfare into nuclear warfare, or the use of successively more powerful types of weapons in war. When there are no successive stages in the increase under discussion, *escalation* is wrong and betrays its user as a mindless parrot of fashionable cliches.

Philip Howard



Anyone can see at a glance how great a change there has been in China and by how much Mao's supposed triumph in the cultural revolution has been reversed, in this cartoon published in Peoples Daily in 1967. It represents the most prominent party, army and intellectual leaders in China who had been thrown out of office. It was reproduced in The Times with an article describing how many senior men had suffered.

Of those caricatured about half are known to have been rehabilitated and more may have been. There is uncertainty about this because the Chinese never announce the fact of rehabilitation any more than they announce new appointments; the only way to discover such things is to look through the list of names when those present on state occasions are listed in full—rather like going through the list of OBEs in the birthday honours

There could be more to emerge when the National People's Congress meets—probably next month. But how strong is the opposition? It comes, of course, from those members of the politburo who rose to power during the cultural revolution and were personally promoted to their present high rank by Mao. Most of them were on very good terms—to say the least—with the Gang of Four while they seemed a good bet.

The gulf between them and the old guard led, of course, by the redoubtable Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, can easily be imagined. Since Mr Hua Kuo-feng is the most prominent of this group the precarious unity at the top might collapse if too many cultural revolution rejects were to be restored to honour.

To take the most outstanding of those in the cartoon, their rank indicated by being horsed or carried, starting from the top right of the column: Tao Chu—not yet rehabilitated though rumours were current at one time; Teng Hsiao-ping (black crew-cut, holding bridge hand) very much back in power; Liu Shao-chi, dead and not yet rehabilitated as Mao's most castigated opponent; Ho Lung (smoking cigar backed by general's flags) died in suspicious circumstances in cultural revolution and now fulsomely rehabilitated posthumously; Lo Jui-ching (in the basket with bandaged leg—he tried to commit suicide in the cultural revolution) rehabilitated; Peng Chen (balding, holding scroll) the next most castigated opponent of Mao, not yet rehabilitated.

Richard Harris

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'The Times' and the affair of Peter Townsend

In yesterday's *Daily Express* instalment of his side of the Princess Margaret affair, Group Captain Peter Townsend had something to say about the leading article in *The Times* of October 26, 1955. This preceded by five days Princess Margaret's statement that she had decided not to marry the group captain.

The leading article, writes Group Captain Townsend, "has been taken as the turning point in our story". But it did not sway him, he insists. His mind was made up before he read it.

He calls the editoral "magesterial" and talks of its "splendid, sweeping phrases". But he finds its arguments specious and based on false premises.

I have been reminding myself of some of those "splendid, sweeping phrases". This is how the editorial ends: "Whatever the judgment of that unsparing tribunal [the Princess's conscience], her fellow subjects wish her every possible happiness—not forgetting that happiness in the full sense is a spiritual state, and that its most precious element may be the sense of duty done."

Earlier, the editorial speaks of the public factor in the Princess's personal problem as "something which is neither Church nor State but a living organism which is broader and more profoundly based than either . . . the many-sided society or family of the Queen's subjects of which the Church and State are no more than ecclesiastical and political aspects."

The Queen had come to be that society's symbol, "its universal representative in whom her people see their better selves ideally reflected; and since part of that ideal is family life, the Queen's family has its own part in the reflection.

"If the marriage now being discussed comes to pass, it is inevitable that this reflection becomes distorted." It would be a union which vast numbers of her sister's people could not, in conscience, regard as a marriage.

The group captain's argument, in yesterday's *Express*, was that there were vaster numbers of Christians whose elected representatives had legislated in Parliament for divorce and the remarriage of divorced people.



A paragraph in a report to Clwyd county council about a community bus scheme is headed "Steering Committee".

Overloading men of steel?

The news that the Commission of the EEC has announced eight research grants to Britain ought to be one in the eye for those anti-marketeers who seem always to be knocking our membership of the Nine.

My enthusiasm for the EEC largesse is, however, less than ecstatic for I note that the recipient of three of the grants is none other than the British Steel Corporation.

The Commission's contribution of £77,415 over two years for the "evaluation and development of an eye-face head respiratory protective assembly for use on coke ovens" might seem worthy enough.

But what about the other two grants to the BSC?—£63,375 for the "organization of work to facilitate recovery from high load and extreme conditions" and an astonishing £25,025 for the "study of low back pain". What about a grant for the British taxpayers who find the BSC a pain in the neck?

A little on the distaff side

Adam Thomson, chairman and chief executive of British Caledonian, has just returned from a Washington mission with a heightened appreciation of the inroads women are making into American public life. He was over there trying to get the United States to rethink its air fares policy.

One after the other, the ladies button-holed him for his views. I list just a few of them: Mary Schuman, assistant director of domestic policy staff at the White House; Elizabeth Bailey, of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board; Carole Shiffrin, of *The Washington Post*; Rhonda Goodman, of *Aviation Daily*.

Then, what should he see when he went to the theatre at the Kennedy Centre was *The First Monday in October*, a play about the appointment of the first woman justice to the Supreme Court.

Nothing to stir the emotions

Wandering abstractedly past the walls of the Robert Motherwell retrospective at the Royal Academy at the weekend, I was invited to meet the American abstractist himself. Bespectacled and benign looking, he stood in front of one of his vast canvases, trying to explain to someone why most of it was just a sea of red paint.

I politely declined the invitation. Neither my heart, eyes nor brain had registered anything in the way of interest (though I did linger slightly longer over the occasional collage) and I felt my undisguised apathy might distress him.

I was told he was thrilled beyond measure that his retrospective is on at the RA at the same time as the Leonardo anatomical drawings. I think he is a very lucky man indeed.

Mention of Leonardo leads me to the real point of this item, which is to record that this week, for the first time in its history, the RA will have five major exhibitions running concurrently: the Leonardo, the Motherwell, the Light Fantastic, the Gustave Courbet and City-scape 1910-39. The last-mentioned two open on Thursday.

The pictorial plot thickens

While there are those of you (cynics) who will say that Edna Healey has had quite enough publicity for her first book, the biography of the Victorian philanthropist Angela Burdett-Coutts, there is one postscript from the Chancellor's wife that deserves telling.

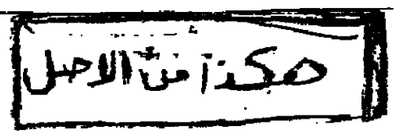
An unknown woman knocked on the door of 11 Downing Street and offered to sell Mrs Healey a portrait of Baroness Burdett-Coutts. Mrs Healey said she would like to find out more about the painting and the unknown woman left the portrait with her, together with her name and address.

Now many experts doubte the authenticity of the pictur but Mrs Healey's detective wor proved to her satisfaction tha it was indeed the portrait o the great lady who was known as the "Queen of the Poor" and that the artist, a man name Colam, had helped the Baroness with her philanthropic work.

Mrs Healey then wrote to the woman, saying she would like to buy the picture. But she has received no reply from the address she was given. "I've still got the painting here", Mrs Healey told me from No 11. "But the woman just seems to have disappeared. I very much hope that I can find her."

The joke in a poulterer's window

A poulterer in Seaford, Sussex, has added starlings to the birds on sale. The appalling trade is not, however, without precedent. A letter to The Times in 1942 recorded that one of London's leading stores, offered "rows of starlings at 9d each", and Andre Simon, in his Dictionary of Wine and Food reports that a gastronome who ate them fresh shot on Alderney judged them "excellent". The Seaford poulterer has not yet sold any. He has, however, now added the following to his list in the window: "woodcock, wood pigeon, woodpecker. . . ." It is, he assures me, a joke to see whether anybody reads the signs or not.



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DEAD END IN ITALY

That Italy should now be confronted with yet another ministerial crisis is hardly surprising. Indeed if anything it is a matter for congratulation that the Andreotti government has lasted so long. It was obvious enough, when it took office in August 1976, that the formula on which it was based (the abstention of the Communists and other parties in votes of confidence) was too artificial, too ambiguous to provide anything more than a temporary solution to Italy's political crisis. True, this formula was made somewhat more substantial by last summer's six-party agreement on a legislative programme. But the fundamental issue of political power remained unresolved.

No doubt Italians would have lived happily with this ambiguity for years, if only the circumstances of their daily life had begun to improve. But this has not happened. The only thing to improve noticeably in 1977 was the balance of payments, which swung round dramatically. But this was accompanied by, and directly related to, a contraction of the national economy—that is, an actual decrease in the total amount of goods and services produced. This confirms an already known law of Italian economics: that the point of equilibrium in the country's foreign trade can be found only when the growth rate falls below zero. Imports can be reduced below exports by falling domestic demand. But exports cannot be boosted above imports by rising production.

Unemployment has therefore continued to rise, while inflation has continued virtually unabated. The general sense of desperation, affecting young people especially, has if anything grown sharper as it appeared that even the Communist Party, after achieving a position in which it was officially admitted that Italy could not be governed without its consent was either unwilling or unable to bring about significant changes. The most alarming symptom of the country's condition has been the continued spread of political violence, as isolated explosions and shootings in the legs have grown into something like street warfare, with extremists of right and left shooting at each other to kill and the police shooting more or less indiscriminately at anyone in the vicinity.

Even so it is possible that Signor Berlinguer and his colleagues would have preferred to maintain the status quo a bit longer, giving the six-party agreement a chance to show its results, had not the other parties—particularly the Republicans and Socialists—taken the lead in declaring that the government was no longer adequate to deal with a situation which called not for Signor Andreotti's tactical ingenuity but for a broad-based "emergency government", including the Communists, with the capacity to take swift and firm decisions. Whether such a government would actually have that capacity may well be doubted, but the Communists could hardly hang back any longer from demanding a direct share in power when other parties were putting forward the demand on their behalf.

The Christian Democrat leaders had repeatedly made it clear that they had no intention of accepting such a demand. It therefore says rather little for American confidence in the strength of Christian Democrat resolve that the State Department felt it necessary to issue a statement last Thursday reiterating American opposition to Communist participation in West European governments and even calling for a reduction of Communist influence in all West European countries. Although preceded by the usual ritual recognition of the right of European citizens to decide for themselves how they wanted to be governed, this statement was interpreted in Italy (inevitably in view of its timing) as a kind of veto issued by a protecting power, and as such visibly embarrassed the Christian Democrats themselves.

The trouble is that such statements do not alter the basic elements of the problem. The Christian Democrats do not have a majority on their own. The Socialists are not prepared to join the government unless the Communists are involved as well. The Communists need something to convince their supporters that their strategy of historic compromise is making some progress. That something cannot at this stage be full participation in the government, but it may have to be formal consultation about the composition of the government as well as its programme. It will probably have to be yet another ingenious Italian formula enabling the Communists to claim that they are now part of the parliamentary majority and the Christian Democrats to insist that they are not.

But to agree on such a formula in the present climate will be a difficult task, and certainly not a swift one. It will be complicated by the usual jockeying for position among the non-communist leaders, several of whom now have their eye on the presidential election to be held at the end of this year. At worst, the different parties will manoeuvre each other into incompatible positions from which the only appeal will be to a general election, though the most likely result of that would be to make the problem even more insoluble by strengthening both major parties at the expense of the smaller ones. At best, a government very like the last one will emerge after weeks of stalemate. Either way the ordinary Italian's opinion of his political leaders is unlikely to improve.

DEVOLUTION ON THE NOD

The House of Commons will resume consideration of the Scotland Bill today amidst a swelling chorus of complaint about the effects of the guillotine. Many of the criticisms are by now familiar, though no less disturbing for that: many clauses, some of them including important and complex provisions, are being passed either with no debate at all or after the most perfunctory examination. That is no way to deal with a constitutional measure of this consequence, but in most instances there is the consolation that whatever may be passed on the nod by the Commons may still be debated with care in the Lords. Indeed, the more casually any clause has been treated in the Commons the more justification there will be for the Lords taking time over it.

But that consolation would not seem to be available in the case of the financial sections of the Bill. Erskine May, the bible of parliamentary practice, declares that the Commons treat as a breach of privilege by the Lords not only the imposition or increase of taxation or expenditure "but also any alteration, whether by increase or reduction, of its amount or of its duration, mode of assessment, levy, collection, appropriation or management; and, in addition, any alteration in respect of the persons who pay, receive, manage, or control it, or in respect of the limits within which it is leviable". That would seem to preclude the Lords from doing much about the financial sections of the Bill. If the Commons fail to do that job then nobody else can do it for them.

What is particularly disturbing is that the details of the financial clauses—just the sort of question that needs careful scrutiny at the committee stage—are critical to the success of the whole devolution scheme. If there is a running battle between Edinburgh and Westminster it is more likely to be over money than anything else. The obvious tactic for any Scottish administration would be for it to transfer responsibility for its failings by claiming that it had not been given a fair share of resources by London. There is probably no arrangement that could be a sure safeguard against that danger, but the more cumbersome and muddled the financial procedures are the greater the threat will be. The financial provisions in this Bill are a distinct improvement upon those in the Scotland and Wales Bill that was killed last session. But they are still by no means perfect and would benefit from searching scrutiny.

It is hard to see how they are now to receive this. Most of the financial clauses have now been passed without debate. But the Government would be wise to ensure that either by setting aside time for the consideration of new clauses or by some other device time is found for the Commons to consider the financial provisions. That would not seriously delay the Bill but would improve the chances of implementing it successfully.

TOWARDS CIVILIAN RULE IN ECUADOR

After nearly six years of tight control by the armed forces, Ecuador has now taken the first step towards a return to civilian rule. In a referendum on Sunday, the electorate gave majority support to a new constitution, and this will be used as the basis for a presidential election in July. The country thus joins the small group of Latin American regimes—including Peru and Bolivia—which are making the transition from military rule, and the process will be watched with some interest. It is not likely to be particularly smooth, as was shown by the arrest over the weekend of Señor Assad Bucaram, one of the leading presidential candidates, and other members of opposition parties. The armed forces would clearly like to see Señor Bucaram defeated, but that will not necessarily spoil his chances.

Ecuador is a small and basically poor country, with a population of some seven million, many of them Indians, divided between the Andes and the coastal plain. It has been remarkable for the number of its political coups—more than fifty in 155 years of independence—and for having about twenty different political parties today. In recent years its economy has been transformed by the discovery of oil, which has earned it its membership of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and brought a considerable inflow of funds. Today oil has easily overtaken bananas as its main export, and new buildings are sprouting up in Quito, the capital, high in the Andes, and Guayaquil, its main port and largest city.

The armed forces took over in 1972 largely because they were afraid that Señor Bucaram would win a presidential election due later that year. By all accounts, they disapproved of the fact that he had been born in Lebanon and also that as mayor of Guayaquil he had developed a considerable following by his populist policies. He had made a point of helping many of the poor people who had settled in Guayaquil from other parts of the country; and he still claims he will win in July with the votes of "the hungry". His opponents say that there is more opportunism than ideology in his politics.

His main opponent is likely to be a very different type of man, Señor Sixto Durán Ballén, the mayor of Quito, who is American-educated and a believer in free enterprise. But much will depend on the manoeuvrings of the next few months—among other things, the plans of the military junta to reduce the parties to four main groups. The new constitution, which was chosen by the electorate in preference to a modified version of the previous one, gives the vote for the first time to illiterates, thought to account for 30 per cent of the population. It also prohibits any president from standing for a second term. This was thought to be necessary because of the past record of Señor José María Velasco Ibarra, now living in exile in Buenos Aires, who was elected five times and ousted by the armed forces four times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voting and industrial relations

From Sir Anthony Bowlby and others

Sir, In the public debate on the merits of alternative electoral systems there is one aspect which has been neglected. This is the reflection in industrial relations of the political consequences of an electoral system.

Good industrial relations are most likely to be achieved in societies in which majority public opinion holds political views based on the need to develop and improve the existing social and economic structure. They will not be achieved in a society divided between two parties by an electoral system which polarises politics and denies representation to intermediate opinion. In all European countries trade unions have strong ties with the political parties of the left while employers tend to support parties of the right, but in many of them this does not exacerbate their industrial relations, because the electoral systems of those countries do not polarize their politics. But the present electoral law in the United Kingdom, commonly described as the "first past the post" system, fosters the existence of two parties only, one of the left and one of the right, and eliminates parties of the centre by radically reducing the value of any vote cast for them.

The consequences of this for our industrial relations have been serious. By exaggerating the swing of the vote in general elections the "first past the post" system has enabled successive governments not supported by a majority of the electorate to make sharp changes in opposite directions in the law concerning industrial relations.

The sight of the division of the House of Commons into two warring camps continually suggests that, like its representatives, so the whole country must inherently be divided into two sides whose interests are necessarily opposed. If it is right and proper for the nation's business to be conducted at the highest level as a struggle between two parties, it seems no less right and proper for industrial relations to be conducted as between adversaries linked with those parties.

In the difference between their electoral systems and ours we can see one reason why industrial relations are so much better in Germany, Austria, Scandinavia and Benelux than here, and why informed opinion within the European Commission holds that we must reform our electoral law before we can solve the problem of our industrial relations. The signatories to this letter believe that the adoption of proportional representation in one of the forms recommended by the Hansard Society's Commission chaired by Lord Blake would be a very important step towards better industrial relations.

We all have first-hand experience or special knowledge of industrial relations, and have recorded against our signatures the posts we hold or have held, but in signing this letter we commit no one but ourselves. Nevertheless, we believe that we speak for a large majority of those engaged in the day to day struggle to improve our industrial relations and the performance of British industry.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BOWLBY,
GKN Group Consultant Industrial Relations;
HENRY PHELPS BROWN,
H. S. FERNS,
Professor of Political Science, University of Birmingham;
M. B. FORMAN,
Director of Personnel and Organization, Tube Investment Ltd;
JOHN GARNETT,
Director of The Industrial Society;
JACK LEE,
Former President, Institute of Personnel Management;
LEONARD NEAL,
Former Chairman, Commission of Industrial Relations;
T. G. P. ROGERS,
Immediate Past President, Institute of Personnel Management;
12 Upper Belgravia Street, SW1.

British Steel reports

From Sir Richard Marsh

Sir, The two recent select committee reports on the British Steel Corporation could be major landmarks in the development of rational relationships between nationalized industries generally and government.

Three recommendations in particular stand out: that Ministers should be forced to make public those directions which require BSC to act uncommercially; that BSC should have to publish the costs of "slow timing" of investment by government; and that BSC should be fully compensated by government for accepting non-commercial obligations. Acceptance of these recommendations would clarify the responsibilities and objectives of BSC management and greatly improve accountability in the public sector.

Such measures have consistently been advocated by the British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council. Action on them would also provide some reassurance to British steel users that they would not be put at a competitive disadvantage in world markets as a result of government actions affecting their main material supplier.

It would be a tragedy if the excitement over constitutional issues deflected attention from the many constructive recommendations of the select committee.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MARSH,
Chairman,
British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council,
16 Berwyn Road,
Richmond,
Surrey.
January 12.

The cruise missile

From Monsignor Bruce Kent

Sir, Lord Chalfont, in his interesting article on the cruise missile (January 9), may well be right, from a western perception, about the second strike role of the cruise missile.

But Warsaw Pact defence authorities may read the signs differently. A long range delivery system which, being comparatively cheap can be made in large numbers, can be launched from the sea, travel at heights which make detection by surface radar very difficult, and which has a pin-point accuracy quite unnecessary in a second strike weapon, may well be seen by those at whom it is aimed as having first strike potential.

If so, and it is so, then the cruise revives once more first strike temptations. This is a further turn in the arms spiral and another aspect of the world of increasing risk in which we all now have to live.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE KENT, Chairman,
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament,
29 Great James Street, WC1.

Irish self determination

From Dr B. D. Bonar

Sir, Your leading article of January 10 on Mr Lynch's comments on Radio Telefis Eirean on Sunday, January 8, is so incorrect and lacking in real insight into the realities of the Irish situation that it deserves some answer from someone actually living in the island of Ireland.

One statement, above all others, which shows your ignorance of history generally and Irish history particularly, is where you refer to the principle of self determination and go on to say:

"Mr Lynch would say that the Six Counties of Northern Ireland is the wrong unit for the application of this principle, which properly belongs to the 32 Counties, making up the island. Whatever validity that argument may once have had, it has none after more than 50 years of separate sovereignties."

Have you heard of the Poles, the Slavs, the French, the Norwegians, the Italians, the Greeks, the Jews, the Indians, and other nations who have been subjugated and subdivided for periods of greater than 50 years and yet have retained their natural desire for nationhood and recovered it? The island of Ireland has historically been one nation. The wish of the majority of Irishmen is that it should again become so. The majority of Irishmen eschew violence in the attainment of unity but your naive, intransigent amblyopia is the main, if not the only, factor in the continuance of violence in this island. It becomes difficult indeed to see any alternative to violence if your view represents thinking British opinion generally.

Yours truly,
B. DECLAN BONAR,
Millersfield,
Meenmore,
Dungloe,
Co Donegal.
January 11.

Rules of the NUJ

From the President of the National Union of Journalists

Sir, I have always admired Bernard Levin from afar. And if he continues his defence of democracy in the manner outlined in his column (*The Times*, January 11) I promise that is how I shall remain. He makes the defence of democracy sound as attractive as the Retreat masters of my youth made the defence of female virginity. Perhaps with as much success?

Mr Levin knows the rules of the union as well as I and he will be aware if anyone was "tried" by an NUJ "*court*" (his italics, not mine) that this would be a matter of the utmost constitutional gravity, there being no provision for either under rule. If the people he refers to have been maltreated in a manner contrary to the constitution then he makes out a case which they have not made out and has obviously supplied them with grounds for appeal which they obviously perceived they had not got.

How Mr Levin squares his breach of the confidentiality of union business with the rules of the union is entirely a matter for himself and the branch whose affairs he is so interested in and on whose behalf he is so active.

I am concerned about many of the things that Mr Levin expresses concern about but he makes it so difficult for us by smiting down many of us along with his perceived enemies. Craw-thumping self-righteousness wins no converts and blunderbuss attacks through friends to injure enemies invariably kills only friends. But for safety I will continue to admire Mr Levin from afar.

Yours, etc,
JOHN DEVINE,
President, National Union of Journalists,
314 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
January 12.

From Miss Hilary Macaskill

Sir, I wish to correct the impression given by Bernard Levin (January 11) that his group of self styled "moderates" swept the board at the elections in the London Freelance Branch of the NUJ. I was elected both to the committee and to the annual conference delegation but am not on his mailing list and do not have any connexion with his group.

As Mr Levin well knows, I am opposed to his activities in the branch and object especially to his hijacking of the term "moderate"—it seems that "left-wingers" and "moderates" now span the complete political spectrum. Perhaps Philip Howard would like to make the misuse of this word the subject of one of his occasional articles.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY MACASKILL,
19 Framfield Road, NS.
January 11.

Teachers' pay

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir, I should be grateful for the opportunity of making clear some points in relation to the Teachers' Panel pay claim agreed on January 10.

Your report on January 11 stated that the claim would "maintain differentials between different teaching scale posts but, except for those earning above £8,500, will do nothing to restore the differentials that existed before the introduction of the pay policy". Your report on January 12 says that some teachers' organizations "would be pressing for a restoration of the pay differentials as laid down in the Houghton Committee report three years ago."

My press statement, as leader of the Teachers' Panel, after the meeting on January 10 said that "the Teachers' Panel is determined to restore the real value of teachers' pay established by the Houghton Report". My statement also referred to various other matters involving restructuring and correction of anomalies that would be pursued.

I must emphasize that the unanimous policy of the Teachers' Panel is therefore to restore the Houghton values and I do not see why this should have been presented as some kind of conflict between the NUT and the other teachers' organizations.

Your report on January 12 says that "salary scale differentials have been progressively eroded during the Government's pay policy because the NUT has pressed for, and won, mainly flat rate increases for all teachers." That is not so. The last two pay policies provided for, respectively, flat rate increases of £6 per week, and a minimum increase of £2.50 per week and a maximum increase of £4 per week.

It was the terms of those pay policies, not the action of the NUT in Burnham, which have eroded the differentials. We had our misgivings about aspects of the policies, but we all accepted them in the Burnham negotiations of those years. The NUT has made it clear that it supports the need to deal with the erosion of differentials which took place as a result of incomes policy.

The Teachers' Panel pay claim is for a 12½ per cent pay increase for teachers. Clearly, different organizations will have different ideas about the precise way in which that 12½ per cent should be distributed, but this will be discussed at a later meeting.

You do say that the pay claim decided on January 10 was the result of amicable and constructive discussion between the different unions and so it is a pity, to put it mildly, that you should erect dissension in the columns of your newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
FRED JARVIS,
General Secretary,
National Union of Teachers,
Hamilton House,
Mabledon Place, WC1.
January 13.

Destruction of Churchill portrait

From Sir Harold Harding

Sir, Today (January 13) a leading article is headed "The Loss of a Masterpiece", while on page 1 the remark of Sir Winston Churchill is quoted, "Here is an old man on his stool pressing and pressing". Possibly many of us feel that, as always, Sir Winston found the perfect phrase.

If the BBC were to show the presentation ceremony again all could see what he really looked like at the time, both lively and courteous, when faced with a picture which spoilt, for him, a deeply moving occasion and left permanent distress.

Parliament intended the gift to show gratitude and affection. The artist used his skill with the brush (in which Sir Winston was also a master) in his own idiosyncratic manner. Was he insensitive to the intention of the gift and the feelings of the sitter? We are told that the destruction of the canvas was vandalism as it would be worth £100,000. To whom? What an example of the peculiarities of modern art valuation.

Well done, loyal Lady Churchill.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD HARDING,
37 Monmouth Street,
Topsham,
Exeter.
January 13.

From Dr H. M. Denholm-Young

Sir, May one hope that Sutherland will again paint that extraordinarily virile and perceptive portrait from the photographs of it?

Yours faithfully,
H. M DENHOLM-YOUNG,
The Nook,
Farningham,
Dartford,
Kent.
January 13.

From Mr G. S. Whittet

Sir, Soon after the presentation I was invited to view the portrait by Sutherland at Churchill's home in Hyde Park Gate. There in the garden drawing room, fortified by a glass of sherry, I examined the picture alone for some time. Now looking up the number of the magazine I find I described it as "an unconventional work of an unconventional sitter". Its chief defect was that it looked unfinished in as much as his feet were concealed in a carpet that seemed to have sprouted a dun-coloured grass—the artists had obviously been unhappy about them and they had been painted over since it would have been impossible to "cut off" his legs below the knees without radically altering the proportions and placing of the picture on the canvas.

One has to remember that the portrait was a gift to Churchill by colleagues past and present in Parliament as a token of their affection for him as a man of long service in that institution. It was not a state or official portrait but a personal symbol of good will and respect of which there was little evidence in the painting; I wrote the "mood and the manner of the study do not awaken sympathy or warmth" as anyone looking at the colour reproduction accompanying my critical comments may confirm. Also, Churchill had a keen sense of history and his own place in it; lacking a present-day Holbein, he and his wife were not going to risk being preserved for posterity in a painting that they felt did neither him nor the artist full justice.

As footnote to the above, soon after I had viewed the portrait I visited Arthur Jeffress, the art dealer, who told me that a portrait of him by Sutherland had actually been begun and "laid in" on the canvas the artist then used for Churchill—not that it mattered, for that initial sketch was undetectable. Jeffress asked me not to mention this in print and I didn't until some six years later after he had died. As I said then it would have been another reason for the Old Man to have disliked the portrait though by that time apparently it did not exist.

Yours, etc,
G. S. WHITTET, former Editor *The Studio* and *Studio International*,
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Surrey.
January 14.

From Major Sidney Vines

Sir, Sir Winston Churchill's expressed concern to Mr Sutherland about the "fleshy part under his chin" invites comparison with Oliver Cromwell's remarks to Lely: "Paint me as I am. If you leave out the scars and wrinkles, I will not pay you a shilling."

Cromwell's remark was made when he was in the prime of life; Sir Winston's when he was long past his.

The pity is that Mr Sutherland could not have painted Sir Winston in 1940—that portrait would indeed have become part of the nation's heritage. I doubt whether the destroyed portrait, showing Sir Winston tired, old, defeated, and physically marred by "Time's fell hand" (though it may well be a great work of art), is a serious loss to the nation.

I am, Sir,
Yours, etc,
SIDNEY VINES,
Army and Navy Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
January 13.

From Mr P. D. R. Talbot Willcox

Sir, Sonie will lament with you the loss of a picture. More will rejoice that Lady Churchill's act "shall be spoken of for a memorial of her" and of the unshakable love she bore her husband.

I for one salute her now.

Yours faithfully,
P. D. R. TALBOT WILLCOX,
Thanescroft,
Shamley Green,
Surrey.
January 13.

From Mr Michael Wishart

Sir, Mr Graham Sutherland is arguably among the most penetrating portrait painters of our time. Is it not sad that Lady Spencer-Churchill, who bequeathed her eyes to a hospital in the hope that two persons' vision might benefit, should have deprived posterity of Mr Sutherland's vision of her late illustrious husband?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WISHART,
Park Farm,
Pulborough,
Sussex.
January 14.

From Mr I. E. Jones

Sir, I prefer Churchill's paintings.

Yours faithfully,
I. E. JONES,
29 Coulsdon Road,
Sidmouth.

Without qualification

From Mr Kenneth Marshall

Sir, I read with great interest your first leader of December 29, "Out of work after school", and would agree with many of your conclusions.

You state that on the whole the present generation is more highly educated than its predecessors and this is, of course, true. In the present circumstances it is not, however, so much the employment prospects of well qualified youngsters which are giving us cause for concern in Kent—and, I suspect, in other parts of the country—but those of the less able and unqualified. At one time there were jobs which could be undertaken by such boys and girls on leaving school; nowadays, these jobs have virtually ceased to exist and the bulk of the unemployed young people on the registers of the careers service in this country are those with little or nothing to offer in the way of qualifications.

If this country is again to become economically prosperous it will need all the skilled technicians and technologists it can educate and train—but what of those young persons who are unable to benefit from further education and training? If ways are not found of usefully engaging their interests and energies in making a contribution to society it is in them, as you say, that there are the makings of a major social problem in the next decade.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH MARSHALL,
Chairman, Careers Sub-committee, Education Committee,
Kent County Council,
Springfield Maidstone,
Kent.

Selling potatoes by name

From Brigadier E. B. Forster

Sir, In your issue of Wednesday, January 11, Dr P. V. E. McClintock wrote about the "scant regard for legalities" involved in the retail sale of potatoes without the variety being named, and asked what the Potato Marketing Board was going to do about it.

I would assure Dr McClintock that there is no law in this country which requires a retailer to name the variety of potatoes which he sells, nor has the PMB any powers whatever in relation to retailers.

What has happened is that following the Consumers' Committee for Great Britain Report in May 1977, and after consultation with the various sections of the industry involved, the Potato Marketing Board gave advance notice that from March 1, 1978, all registered producers and packers of potatoes would be required compulsorily to mark the variety of the potato on the sack. The necessary prescriptions, etc, are about to be issued. It will then be up to retailers, whose various associations have welcomed the step, to use the information and meet the wishes of consumers.

Dr McClintock mentions "the trusty King Edward". He should take heart as no EEC legislation has condemned this variety to oblivion. Because it is a variety which is not immune to wart disease, our government did propose some years ago banning its growth in gardens and allotments because of difficulties of control. This proposal was withdrawn, however, and in any case, did not apply to farmers.

Yours faithfully,
E. B. FORSTER, General Manager,
Potato Marketing Board,
50 Hans Crescent, SW1.

Recruiting pilots

From Dr Andrew Millar

Sir, Less than three years ago we were told that the RAF was getting rid of 600 pilots. (Some senior technicians were also discharged but not a single administrator.) Predictably we now read that the RAF is short of pilots and that it will cost £500,000 to train each one.

Unfortunately there is no system of accountability to deal with costly mistakes of this kind. However, would it not be possible to recover some of the 600 pilots previously discarded? Financial inducements to return would be a lot cheaper than training new pilots.

Yours, etc,
A. P. MILLAR,
Benson, Oxford.

Behaving like animals

From Mrs Elspeth Huxley

Sir, I do wish people would stop saying, as Mr Parry did about the militant firemen, "they behaved like animals", when humans put on a particularly ill mannered, stupid and aggressive display. Animals do not mob and attempt to trample on each other when annoyed, or get angry when one of their number finds a greener patch of grass than another. Normally they kill only for food, and I do not suppose the firemen wanted to eat Mr Parry. They were behaving not like animals, but like humans.

Yours faithfully,
ELSPETH HUXLEY,
Green End,
Oakley, Malmesbury,
Wiltshire.
January 13.

Helping to stem the tide of pollution

"Dear President Carter", went the letter accompanying the 10ft-high Coca-Cola can handed over to the American Embassy last Wednesday, "we are sending you this can from Britain on the same day that environmentalists in the United States and elsewhere in the world will be sending you theirs". Friends of the Earth went on to urge the President to help the fight against pollution by putting a deposit on all beer and soft drinks containers.

There are many ways of caring for the environment, and making the White House knee-high in empty cans is just one. Those who missed the Friends of the Earth demonstration can still get in on the act by joining one of the many pressure groups that attempt to keep the different types of pollution —from visual to radioactive—at bay.

One way of supporting the work of the Keep Britain Tidy Group (Bostel House, 37 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE, tel: 0273 23585) is to refrain from hurling rubbish out of your car windows, and another is to send the group a donation. The group distributes a schools learning kit, organizes film shows, leans on local authorities and industry as regards litter prevention, and publishes *Tidy Times*; any voluntary help is accepted.

A form of pollution that is less obvious — until the moment when, swimming at sea, we are confronted by a sheet of lavatory paper—is sewage. The Coastal Anti-Pollution League (Alverstoke, Greenway Lane, Bath BA2 4LN, tel: 0225 317094) considers it a "disgusting state of affairs" that a large number of seaside towns dispose of their untreated sewage far too close to land. It publishes its "Golden List of Beaches", with details of what volume of effluent holidaymakers can expect to find, and has persuaded EEC officials to chase our Department of the Environment over the inspection of the cleanliness or otherwise of beaches.

We all have the option of avoiding polluted beaches, but there are few options open to those who wish to refrain from breathing. Air is increasingly polluted by the action of anyone who drives a car, hence the existence of a spin-off from the Conservation Society, entitled the Campaign Against Lead in Petrol (168 Dora Road, London, SW19, tel: 01-946 7542 and 01-330 2134). Despite official reassurances that all is well, the campaign feels that the 11,000 tons of lead carried by petrol fumes every year is not a healthy diet for infants, and wants to see lead-free petrol.

Excessive noise is another element of modern life that it is hard to avoid, except by buying ear defenders ("reduce noise by up to 40 decibels") from the Noise Abatement Society (6 Old Bond Street, London W1X 3TA, tel: 01-493 5877). The society uses the law to protect the public, and its members, from aural pollution and provides sound level meters and films on the literally deafening effect of factory noise. It campaigns for all new buildings to be properly insulated, and awards its Seal of Quietness where credit to manufacturers is due.

Aeroplanes are among the worst offenders on the noise scale, as the inhabitants of West London and environs will agree. The Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (123 Park Road, London, W.4, Tel: 01-994 0093) wants to see, or rather, hear, quieter landing procedures, phasing out of noisy planes, an end to expansion of Heathrow and the banning of night flights. All this may be uphill work, but the association is at least a method of channelling some of the furious energy produced in every household under the flightpath.

While it is the noise from the big commercial jets which receives most of the publicity, light aircraft and helicopters can also blight the lives of those suffering their din, according to the Airfields Environment Federation (Upton Hollies, The Avenue, South Nutfield, Surrey RH1 5RY). "People can be driven to uncharacteristic excesses by the distress and frustration caused by aircraft noise; we aim to direct that emotion towards finding solutions acceptable both to aircraft users and those on the ground."

Equally strong feelings are aroused over the latest pollution to be brought to us by modern technology — radioactivity. Pressure groups set up to combat expansion of the nuclear power programme have been proliferating like fast breeder reactors, so it must suffice to mention just one, Half Life (82 Bare Lane, Morecambe, Lancs, tel: 0524 412674). This group seeks to make public the awesome implications of the nuclear power programme, and urges the merits of alternative forms of energy. As the success of the whole anti-nuclear lobby in causing a fuss at Windscale demonstrated, it is more profitable to make your voice heard than to sit at home grumbling quietly to yourself.

Jonathan Sale



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Criteria for a Christian approach to sexual behaviour

Two debates on sexual morality at consecutive sessions of the General Synod of the Church of England might seem like excessive interest, but it is an accurate reflection of the amount of attention that sex is now receiving in the churches.

The Methodist Church has commissioned a study of human sexuality, the results of which are expected to be controversial. The Church of England is about to embark on one in addition to current studies on marriage and on homosexuality, and the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales is awaiting the results of a working party on the pastoral care of homosexuals.

In the religious weekly press hardly a week passes without further outbreaks of controversy on one aspect or another. Yet it is a subject on which few church leaders would venture to make categorical assertions unless of a purely traditional kind.

For long the subject was too hot to handle. The furore that followed the British Council of Churches' statement on sexual ethics in the mid-1960s, and the deep division exposed in the Roman Catholic Church by *Humanae Vitae*, seemed to warn off all but the foolhardy.

The incessant homosexual lobby within the churches had been pressing for a reevaluation of its particular case, without much success, but that may well have triggered off the Vatican's 1975 *Declaration on Sexual Ethics* which, in turn, appears to have triggered off numerous other studies.

The most monumental and far-reaching essay in that field so far is the report of the Catholic Theological Society of America, *Human Sexuality; New Directions in Catholic Thought*, which was published in America last year and is to appear in three weeks' time in the United Kingdom (Search Press, £4.95).

The study was started with the approval of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States, but they have dissociated themselves from the results.

Like Proposals for a New Sexual Ethic, by Dr J. Dominian (Darton, Longman and Todd, £1.50) which was published in Britain last year, the American document is rooted in the Roman Catholic tradition of moral theology and purports to be a valid development of that tradition. That gives it great advantages over non-Roman Catholic studies, for classical Christian sexual ethics stem almost exclusively from the pre-Reformation church and were little affected by the great theological controversies of the sixteenth century.

Dr Dominian's background is in clinical work with marriage breakdown, while the American team is academically based and therefore more theoretical. Both the theological association which backed it and the membership of the team itself are of the highest repute.

It is notable that without any evidence of cross-fertilization, the two exercises have reached very similar conclusions. The American wo deals at length also with hon sexuality and single peop and makes no attempt to c ceal its differences w *Humanae Vitae*, the Vatic declaration, and other tra tional rulings.

Like Dr Dominian, t authors claim to be in t mainstream of the Second V ican Council's teaching on m riage, while emphasizing c ferent aspects of it. T American study also claims t authority of the gene approach to sexuality put f ward both in the declarati and in *Humanae Vitae*, witho endorsing their conclusions.

The American theologia argue that throughout Old T tament and New Testame teaching on sex, and throug out later developments, t consistent message has be that the proper criterion f sexual behaviour has be what they call the "creati growth towards integration" the people concerned.

Sexual morality should th be based on "the nature of t human person and his acts". phrase from the Vatican Cou cil's treatment of marriage.

Dealing with single peop and with homosexuals, t authors put the case that it the degree of care and comm ment in a relationship, rath than wedlock or the details any particular sexual act, tha give value to a sexual relatio ship. That enables them t assert the moral value of beh viour traditionally classed illicit or unnatural.

They extend their investig tions into all sorts of by-way "swinging", "group sex", be tiality, the use of surrogat partners for therapeutic pu poses, and so on. Most of suc practices cannot meet their cr teria anyhow, they say, an they know of no positive evi dence that such behaviour anything but harmful. The reject a complete laisser faire "anything goes" morality as trivializing trend, leading t immature promiscuity and refusal to enter into close rela tionships, to the detriment o the personality concerned.

The extent to which that is genuine theological develop ment will obviously be debated at length. The route they fol low to reach their goal is Christian and theological in its basis and method, but the practical results could, it seems, be supported just as well on psychiatric or common sense grounds.

That raises the question whether there is really scope for a specifically Christian sexual morality at all, once traditional norms have been reinterpreted so drastically.

Subsequent studies in other churches will reveal whether that is in fact the way the Christian consensus is moving, and whether the churches are eventually going to pull out of this field altogether except for maintaining the general truth of broad moral values, as they do already in the political, economic and industrial spheres.

Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

January 16: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, this afternoon received Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Milburn upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Hodges upon assuming this appointment and Lieutenant-Colonel P. E. Dew, Commanding Officer 4th (T&AVR) Battalion.

Major-General Sir Randle Feilden thanks all who supported the Oyster Luncheon held at the Mansion House on November 17 in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled. The profit made is £4,240.37.

A memorial service for Sir Charles Petrie will be held on Thursday, January 19, at noon, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SW1.

Birthdays today

Sir Michael Clapham, 66; Mr Douglas Cleverdon, 75; Mr Martin Cooper, 68; Lord Geoffrey-Lloyd, 76; Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman, 79; Sir Keith Joseph, MP, 60; Sir David Llewellyn, 62; Miss Moira Shearer, 52; Sir William Sinclair, 83; Professor Sir David Smithers, 70; Lord Wheatley, 70.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. A. R. Askew and Miss S. M. H. Mawson
The engagement is announced between Rory, son of Mr and Mrs A. Askew, of Top Hill Farm, Withyham, Sussex, and Susan, stepdaughter of the Rev Kenneth Oliver, CBE, and Mrs Kenneth Oliver, of Clymping Vicarage, Sussex.

Captain J. Leslie and Miss C. J. Nixon
The engagement is announced between James Leslie, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Leslie, of Kilconquhar, Fife, and Christine Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Nixon, of Cheadle, Cheshire. The marriage will take place in Berlin.

Captain A. J. Scott-Hopkins and Miss J. M. Remington-Hobbs
The engagement is announced between Anthony John Scott-Hopkins, Grenadier Guards, youngest son of Mr J. S. R. Scott-Hopkins, MP, and Mrs Scott-Hopkins, of Edensor House, Edensor, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, and Julie Marguerite, only daughter of Colonel E. Remington-Hobbs, DSO, OBE, of 3 Lyall Mews, London, SW1, and the late Mrs Remington-Hobbs.

Mr N. R. Hall and Miss L. M. E. Hopkinson
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr D. W. Hall, CMG, and Mrs Hall, of Boxgrove, Chichester, and Lorna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. D. Hopkinson, of Lee Road, Blackheath, London.

Mr R. A. Hookham and Miss J. A. Hewish
The engagement is announced between Richard Alan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hookham, of West Molesey, Surrey, and Jennifer, daughter of Professor and Mrs Antony Hewish, of Kingston, Cambridge.

Dr S. J. D. O'Keefe and Dr E. A. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr and Mrs J. P. O'Keefe, of Pietermaritzburg, Natal, and Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs K. F. Robinson, of Repton, Derbyshire.

Marriage

Mr J. B. Morrissey and Lady Joanna Bradford
The marriage took place quietly on New Year's Day, in Vermont, United States, between Mr James Barry Morrissey, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Lady Joanna Bradford, younger daughter of Marquess Townshend.

Today's engagements

Court of Aldermen, Guildhall, 12.45.

Homer Sykes, traditional British calendar customs, ICA, The Mall, 12-8.

Lecture: University College (Botany Theatre), Gower Street, "Choice, determinism and value in the Light of biological knowledge", Professor J. Z. Young, 1.20-2.

Lecture: Loaves and fishes: access to natural resources and international law—by Professor Ian Brownlie, London School of Economics, 5.

Guildhall School of Music, Barbican, Britten Festival "Mosaic", solo choral songs, 7.30.

Lunchtime talk with discussion by the Rev Don Black, head of mission department of Baptist Union, Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, 1.15; City Music Society, Bishopsgate Hall, Mozart, Schubert, Bizet piano duets: George Malcolm, Andras Schiff, 1.05.

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, exhibition, "The WRNS 1917-77", 10-5.

British Library Gallery talk: "Famous Letters", by Victor Lucas, British Museum, 1.15.

Exhibition charts early explorers' attitudes

By Philip Howard

An exhibition of ancient maps and prints, which opened in London yesterday, illustrates dramatically our changing attitudes to the outside world during the centuries of discovery.

The different characters of the various commanders and their chosen artists are reflected in the prints they produced. When La Pérouse visited Easter Island in 1786 he found the natives "as corrupt as the circumstances in which they are placed will allow them to be". The more sensitive Captain Cook was highly impressed with Tahitian seamanship, and noted that Tongans boxed in much the same way as the English.

Cook recorded and his artist illustrated that the women of Vancouver Island possessed "no natural delicacies sufficient to render their persons agreeable". In New Zealand, once Cook had dispelled their fears, nothing would stop the women talking. That occasioned one of his sailors to remark that "women did not want tongue in any part of the world".

One of the most engaging mapmakers, because of his forthright opinions, was Herman Moll, a naturalized German who settled in London. His maps of the early eighteenth century are filled with boastful and vituperative "legends", in which he compares his own efforts most favourably and most libellously with those of his competitors.

He begins one tirade: "The world is in nothing more scandalously imposed upon than by maps put out by ignorant pretenders", and goes on to name names. Moll floated the charmingly ingenuous idea that to find your distance from land in the Gulf of Mexico you simply swing a lead, every fathom indicating a league from shore.

His maps of the west coast of South America were an important factor in the establishment of the South Sea Company. They showed details of Pepys Island, an invention of an astute privateer of the previous century who wanted to win neck-saving favour in the highest places. It was Moll's distinction to have been responsible for placing this Utopia on printed maps, where it remained until the unfortunate Byron was despatched in 1764 by the Admiralty to search for it.

The exhibition of ancient maps and their prints is a Wciareb and Douwma, the antiquarian map dealers, of Great Russell Street.



A Marquesas islander, portrayed by D'Urville's artist, Louis Le Breton, in 1838.

OBITUARY

MR HUGH ROSS WILLIAMSON

Author and playwright

Mr Hugh Ross Williamson, who was an extraordinarily prolific author and dramatist, died on January 13.

Not only was Ross Williamson prolific in his output as an author (he wrote over thirty-five books and some twenty plays and novels) but he was a volatile and controversial figure. Son of a Congregational minister, after first earning his living as a journalist, he entered the Church of England and became an Anglo-Catholic curate in his forties, but fourteen years later was received into the Roman Catholic Church. Originally a Liberal, he joined the Labour Party in 1935 (becoming prospective candidate for South Dorset), was expelled from it after five years and later was readmitted. Though a son of the manse, he was a *bon viveur* and zestful character at the Savage Club.

Hugh Ross Williamson was born in 1901, educated at Brighton grammar school and took a second-class degree in history at London University. During four years when he was an assistant master he discovered his gift for writing, selling his first short story, his first article and his first poem. At the beginning of 1925 Arthur Mann gave him a trial on the staff of the *Yorkshire Post* where he was a leader-writer at a salary of £4 a week. For a time he was one of the *Yorkshire Post's* drama critics and thus acquired a great taste for the theatre. Leaving the *Yorkshire Post* in 1930 became editor of *The Bookman*, in which capacity he prided himself on finding new young reviewers, and for a year he was acting editor of the *Strand Magazine*.

Meanwhile he started his immense outflow of books, his first being a study of the poetry of T. S. Eliot. But his main output was of historical books largely, but not entirely, relating to British history in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. These included biographies of John Hampden, James I, the first Duke of Buckingham and Sir Walter Raleigh. When he was approaching 70 he published two lively studies of Cardinal Reginald Pole.

Ross Williamson had a remarkable gift for historical dramatization and popular history. For examples, he wrote plays about Piers Gaveston, Perkin Warbeck, Queen Elizabeth I and Mr Gladstone. Most of his plays were performed at venues like the Arts Theatre Club, the Gate theatre and the Canterbury festival. In 1955, however, he was concerned in turning James Barrie's *Little Minister* into a musical which was given at the London Hippodrome in the following year. He also wrote a number of plays for radio and television and at one time acted as chairman of the BBC Brains Trust.

After Ross Williamson was ordained in the Church of England, at the age of 43, he was appointed curate of St Cyprian's, Marylebone, and then assistant priest at the Church of St Thomas, Regent Street. An Anglo-Catholic, he disapproved of the decision of the Church of England to establish intercommunion with the Church of South India and became an active member of the Annunciationists. In the course of the 12 years that he held office in the Church of England he was married and thus when he was received into the Church of Rome, in 1955, he had to abandon his career as a priest.

Thenceforward he devoted himself entirely to writing, his output ranging from books about Christianity to *Historical Whodunits*. The knotty problems of British history fascinated him and in his Catholic days he published a book on the Gunpowder Plot, which aimed to prove, not for the first time, that it had been faked by Robert Cecil. Ross Williamson's autobiography *The Walled Garden*, published in 1956, throws a flood of light on his varied life. Later books included a strongly Roman Catholic biography, *Catherine de Medici* (1974) and *Lorenzo the Magnificent* (1974).

He was an amusing man to meet and some of his many books are entertaining. He married Margaret Joan Cox and had one son and one daughter.

JACK JACKSON

Band leader and disc jockey

Jack Jackson, the band leader and disc jockey, died on January 15 at the age of 71. A musician of wide experience who ran his own band in the 1930s, he shrewdly moved away from the dance band scene as it began to lose popularity and entered naturally into the role of compere and record presenter making a name for himself as a good-humoured, witty, brash disc jockey in programmes like *Record Roundabout* for the BBC.

It was to prove an enduring milieu for him to display his talent as an entertainer and as a judge of what people wanted to hear. He was never at a loss for a word and had a fine repertoire of jokes and repartee which, mixed with cataclysmic sounds off stage and imaginary conversations with the cut-in voices of other performers, made all his programmes highly individual occasions. If he felt like it he sang a snatch or two himself while the record was being played. At the end of his programmes he took pains to ensure that the welfare of an imaginary cat Tiddles had not been overlooked. It was a style of record presentation now much more familiar but at the time it created a stir.

He came from Barnsley and his father, a musician and conductor, taught him the cornet when he was six. Later he performed with a works brass band; with Erith Town String Orchestra; various cinema orchestras in the days of silent films; and, subsequently, graduated to semi-professional dance bands in south-east London. He spent a period at the Royal Academy of Music and after turning professional had a variety of jobs, one of which involved him in a revue called *Stage Struck* which gave him a taste for the boards which never left him. While playing at the Birmingham Palais de Danse he filled in for a trumpet player who had moved on and from then on he was to play for increasingly well-known bands, among them those of Ambrose, Jack Hylton, and Jack Payne.

In time he formed his own band playing regularly at the Dorchester Hotel, London. He toured the country in the summer months in vaudeville and dance halls where the element of entertainment was always pronounced. He appeared later in many different BBC productions, *Band Call*, *Salute to Rhythm* and compered *Band Parade*.

His complete metamorphosis in the late 1940s into the full-blown record presenter or disc jockey, as the profession was to become known, unleashed all Jackson's showmanship, off-beat humour and versatility. He shone brightly on the BBC and on Radio Luxembourg in a long series of programmes, *Record Round-Up*, *Record Roundabout*, *Jackson's Juke Box* among them, which won wide popularity.

MR RICHARD CARR

A friend writes:

The death of Mr Richard Carr, MBE, MC, on Christmas Eve at the age of 58 came as a great shock to his friends. He faced his short illness with the same courage that he faced life, and those who took part with him in his many escapes as a prisoner of war marvelled at his physical courage in the face of danger. He won the Military Cross at Dunkirk before he reached the age of 21.

In addition to his physical courage, those who worked with him in business equally admired his moral courage. Calm in the event of any disaster, no matter whether he was at the helm of his yacht in a Channel race or solving the problems which inevitably face any large business, he had the ability to see the best course to follow and he followed it with complete integrity and honesty.

He had little ambition for himself, and yet his life was crowned with success, taking him through various responsibilities in his family firm (Peek Frean & Co) to chairman of the group (The Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Ltd). Never, however, did that success alter his outlook or his way of life, and he remained modest and unassuming throughout, with a touch of diffidence which endeared him to those who knew him well.

He had a particular way with him when talking to the younger generation and an ability to see things from their point of view, with the result that many young people benefited from his wise counsel.

A member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, he was probably happiest when sailing his yacht Amokura with his devoted wife, Susan, who was his constant companion and help at every stage of his career.

Luncheon

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at luncheon at the Mansion House yesterday: Viscount and the Viscountess Runciman, of Doxford, the Rt Rev John Hughes, Lord Annaly, Sir Ian and Lady Bancroft, Alderman Sir Murray and Lady Fox, Miss Robina Addis, the Chairman of the Baltic Exchange and Mrs G. R. Newman, Mr and Mrs P. Bazalgette, MP, and Mrs Carron Greig and Miss Cecilia Hay.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Callaghan were hosts at a reception held at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of the winners of *The Sunday Times* Award for Export Success.

Mrs D. C. Titchener-Barrett
The High Sheriff of Greater London and Mrs Dennis Titchener-Barrett gave a reception for the judiciary of Greater London at Gray's Inn Hall yesterday evening. Among those present were: The Lord Chancellor and Lady Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Elworthy, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Widgery, Lord Denning, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Lord and Lady Diplock, Lord and Lady Cheiwynd, the President of the Family Division, Lord Justice and the Hon Lady Waller, Lord Justice and Lady Lawton, Lord Justice and Lady Megaw, Lord Justice and Lady Bridge, the Solicitor General and Mrs Archer, Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, MP, and Lady Rawlinson, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, and Lady Havers, Mr Peter Thomas, QC, MP, and Mrs Thomas, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP, and Lady Rhys Williams, Sir Mathy Crofton, Sir Derek and Lady Greenaway, Mr Justice and Lady Brabner, Mr Justice and Lady Foster, Mr Justice and Lady Talbot, Mr Justice and Lady Forbes, Mr Justice and Lady Browne-Wilkinson, Sir David and Lady Napley, Sir Desmond and Lady Plummer, Sir Theo and Lady Constantine, Sir William and Lady Harris, the Clerk of the Privy Council and Mrs Leigh, the Queen's Remembrancer and Mrs Jacob, Mr Ian Percival, QC, MP, and Mrs Percival, the Chairman of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar and Mrs McNeill, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea.

International Cultural Exchange
Mrs Elizabeth de Sola gave a reception at the Britannia Hotel, Grosvenor Square, W1, yesterday evening. The guests included: The Czechoslovak Ambassador, the Hungarian Ambassador, the Ambassador of Ecuador, the Finnish Ambassador, the High Commissioner for the Bahamas, the Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Lord Hunt of Fawley, Lord Brockway, Sir Alan Dawtry, Mr Kenneth Neame, Miss Anne McCosh, Dr R. U. Hingorani (president, International Cultural Exchange), and other representatives of the Commonwealth and friends.

Dinners

Gardeners' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner of the Gardeners' Company held for the livery and their ladies at the Mansion House yesterday evening. The Master and Mrs Brunel Cohen, the Upper Warden and his daughter, Mrs Jones, and the Renter Warden and Mrs Talbot received the guests. The Lord Mayor, the Master, the Upper Warden, Mr D. A. Huggons, and Lady (Osbert) Lancaster were the speakers. Among those present were: The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Sir Giles and Lady Loder, Sir Osbert Lancaster, the Master of the Carpenters' Company and Miss Jacob, the Master of the Fruiterers' Company and Mrs Wells, the Chairman of Lloyd's and Mrs Findlay, the Chairman of the Baltic Exchange and Mrs Newman, the Deacon of the Incorporation of the Gardeners of Glasgow and Mrs Jack, the City Remembrancer and Mrs Peacock, and the Lieutenant-Governor of the Royal Hospital Chelsea and Mrs Hobart.

Good Relations Group Limited
Sir Keith Joseph, MP, was the guest speaker at a private dinner party given by the Directors of the Good Relations Group at the Stationers' Hall yesterday. Mr Anthony B. M. Good, chairman, presided, and other guests were: Mr John Barber, Mr Barry Barker, Mr Joseph Boherman, Mr Francis Bergin, Mr Michael Brown, Lord and Lady Fisher, Mr Peter Forbes, Sir Murray Fox, Mr Dennis Graham, Mr Ian Green, Sir Derek Greenaway, Mr Philip Greenwell, Mr Thomas Grieve, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mr Ralph Halpern, Mr Michael Hoare, Mr Hugh Laughland, Mr Wallace Mackenzie, Mr Michael Marshall, Mr Michael Males, MP, Mr David Reid, Mr Alex Roberts, Mr David Rowe-Ham, Mr Timothy Royle, Mr Lance Secretan, Mr John Taylor and Mr Arthur Wimpenny.

Soirée

Georgian Group
Members of the Georgian Group and their friends attended a Soirée at St John's, Smith Square, yesterday. An illustrated lecture was given by Patricia Countess Jellicoe on "Ambassadresses I never Knew". Mr I. O. Chance, chairman of the group, presided.

Service dinner

Royal Naval College, Dartmouth
The quinquagenary dinner of the 1928 Rodney Term at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, was held at Clothworkers' Hall, last night, by courtesy of the Master, Warders and Court of the Company. There were present: Rear-Admirals R. L. Fisher (term officer), and Sir Edward Rebbeck (term engineering officer), Michael Mansfield (term master) and the following members of the term: Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Hezlet, Rear-Admiral G. J. B. Noel, Captains D. E. Bromley-Martin and C. P. Norman, Commanders the Hon D. W. E. Chubb, D. J. Godden, D. W. Mallin, J. R. L. Moore and W. F. C. Skelton, Lieutenant Commanders P. C. S. Black, R. H. Ballard, A. P. Bodham-Whetham, M. M. Collings, R. F. Colyle, A. S. Kennard and Naval Cadet Sir Bernard Wiley-Cohen.

Richmond School, Surrey

Spring Term starts today. Mr Carey Palmer is headmaster and Mr Robert Imlay has been appointed deputy headmaster. The scholarship examination will be held on March 1 and terms ends on March 17.

St David's College

The Spring Term begins today. The head boy is Clive Wilder-Smith, the captain of association football is Thomas Barr and Mark Vodden is hockey captain. There is no half-term exeat. Confirmation will take place on March 7 and term ends on March 22.

Westminster School

The Lent Term begins today. J. D. E. Byam Shaw (Liddell's) continues as captain of the school; L. P. Higson Smith is Praefectus. The Music Scholarship examinations take place on February 13 and 14. The Confirmation Service will be taken by the Right Rev Launcelot Fleming on March 8. Dr J. B. Gurdon will give the Tizard Lecture on March 9. The school concert will take place in the Abbey on March 17 and term ends on March 22.

JUDGE SIR NORMAN RICHARDS

Lord Salmon writes:

The death of Norman Richards has left a grievous void among all who knew him both within and outside the legal profession.

He was one of the kindest and most charitable of men blessed with a fine mind, sound common sense, great strength of character and ineffable charm.

After a most successful career at the Bar, he accepted an appointment as an Official Referee. Had he waited a year or two, he would, I think almost certainly have been elevated to the High Court Bench, where he would undoubtedly have been a tower of strength.

The office of Official Referee was of great importance. It ranked immediately below the High Court and above the County Court Bench. The work consisted of trying actions relating to building contracts. In many of these cases, immense sums of money were at stake, and often difficult and important points of law were involved.

The work required exceptional ability and expertise which Norman possessed in high measure.

Most building contracts contained an arbitration clause so that the parties had the option of going to arbitration or allowing their disputes to be decided by an official referee. Twenty years ago there were some official referees who did not command much public confidence for they conspicuously lacked the high ability of those performing their duties today.

Accordingly the parties concerned in most of the important building cases then chose arbitration. Under the influence and inspiration of Sir Walker Carter and Norman Richards who succeeded him as Senior Official Referee, all that was soon changed. The prestige of the Official Referees rose high and they regained the complete confidence of the public which they richly deserved.

Accordingly the number of important building cases which came before them rather than arbitrators increased enormously. This was of great benefit to litigants since an appeal from an arbitrator is by way of case stated to a High Court judge and thence to the Court of Appeal, whereas an appeal from an official referee was direct to the Court of Appeal. Thus an expensive and unnecessary step in the proceedings was eliminated.

Norman had a genius for recognizing what really mattered and never overlooked what did. He also had a pronounced distaste for the modern tendency of wasting much time and money in probing the irrelevant.

During the years he must have saved litigants countless thousands of pounds in costs.

The Beeching Royal Commission, strangely enough, never took any evidence from any of the official referees, nevertheless as a result of the Beeching Report, the Official Referees were deprived of their name, their precedence and all that went with it. With very few exceptions, every permanent judge (including official referees) below the High Court became known as a Circuit Court judge, each enjoying exactly the same standing and the same emoluments.

Although the official referees had, without being heard, been deprived of so much, they continued, under Norman's leadership, to do exactly the same work as before; and they did it superbly.

I cannot conclude without paying a tribute to the great services which Norman rendered to the Barristers' Benevolent Association. For example, at the dinners given during the Annual Bar Golf Tournament, Norman always conducted with remarkable wit and skill an hilarious auction of a large variety of attractive objects which he had collected. They ranged from boxes at Ascot to highly coloured bush shirts, all fetching exceptionally high prices to the great benefit of the Bar's pet charity.

ERNST WALDBRUNN

Ernst Waldbrunn, leading Austrian theatre, film, and television actor, cabaret artist, and playwright, has died in Vienna, aged 70.

Born in Krumau, in Bohemia, on August 14, 1907, Waldbrunn trained for the law, but became an actor in the German-language theatre in Czechoslovakia. After the war he settled in Vienna, acting and directing at the Theater an der Josefstadt, and specializing in character parts that reflected the frailty of human nature, such as Skipps in Fry's *The Lady's Not For Burning*, Haines in Dodie Smith's *Call It a Day*, or Salomon in the Dumas-Sartre *Kean*.

Equally successful in the light musical theatre, he appeared in Oscar Straus's swan-song operetta adapted from Fred Grünwald's *Manon*, and in cabaret. After his film debut in 1947, he made well over 40 films, including *The Trial* (1948), in which he co-starred with Ernst Deutsch, and *Secret Depths* (1949), both made by Pabst.

He was co-author with Lida Winiewicz of *The Flight* (1965), a psychological thriller set in post-war Austria about a former Nazi and his sometime victim, which carried palpable autobiographical overtones.

Young players win Swiss teams bridge contest

By Our Bridge Correspondent

A team of young players captained by P. A. Jackson won the English Bridge Union's national Swiss teams tournament played at Liverpool last weekend. They were 10 victory points behind and met the favourites in the last round.

Playing brilliantly, they won 15–4, a margin just enough for victory in the championship. There was a tie for second place between the favourites and A. J. Barnes's team, which was split in favour of G. Cooklin. Results:

1, P. A. Jackson, S. G. Barnfield, F. Elsworth, B. J. Callaghan 186; G. Cooklin, A. N. Gordon, R. Charples, J. Sharples 184; 3, A. J. Barnes, R. Greenhalgh, J. Cuthbert, Moores, S. Norris, I. Powell 184; Mr and Mrs B. V. Byron, P. Joyce, P. Barclay 181.

The first of seven two-day events spread round the country for the Rothman's inter-regional pairs championship organized by the English Bridge Union was an outstanding success at Hove on Saturday and Sunday. More than a hundred pairs competed.

Ten pairs go through to the national final, which will be played in London on May 20 and 21. The conditions state that at least one junior pair and one women's pair should go through. Further heats will be held at Bournemouth, Birmingham, Manchester, Bedford, Bristol and Newcastle upon Tyne.

Qualifiers: 1, Miss J. Henrikson, A. A. Bailey (Surrey) 3,431; 2, D. J. Walker, G. Barman (Hertfordshire) 3,328; 3, R. B. Alexander, N. J. Barlow (Surrey) 3,256; 4, J. Hunt, D. Spooner (Middlesex) 3,211; 5, E. L. A. Handley (Kent), C. Burley (Middlesex) 3,191; 6, B. Cohen, T. Cope (London) 3,167; 7, E. North, I. Panto (Sussex) 3,089; 8, Mrs S. Landy, P. W. Poulter (Sussex) 3,068; 9, N. G. Urban (Sussex), R. I. Fagan (Norfolk) (leading junior pair) 3,006. The leading women's pair was Mrs J. Bradshaw, Mrs N. de Smith (Surrey), 2,954.

Premier teams: 1, Mrs S. Landy, P. W. Poulter, R. H. Broadhurst, C. M. Summers (Sussex) 145; 2, Mrs P. Paul, C. Burley (Middlesex), Mr and Mrs L. E. Handley (Kent) 141. Secondary teams: 1, D. Ryan, Miss D. Holland, Miss J. Oxtoby, T. A. Hornsby (Kent) 149; 2, R. J. Smith, J. Hillan (London), J. Jones, D. Vasey (Southern Counties), 149 on a split ...

Latest pamphlets

Rare herbs and unusual tools recollected

Bygones. Some Bygone Garden Herbs and Plants. By Jean Joice; More About Bygones. By Dick Joice; Gamekeeper: Memories of a Country Childhood. By Leslie Rawlings; and Antiques and Things: Twenty Years in my Shop. By Prynne Hutton. The second selection in the *Bygones* series of booklets, based on the popular Anglia Television programme about crafts and craftsmen and their gadgets and implements, shows the same wide range of subjects as did its predecessor. Jean Joice has long been a collector of rare English herbs and writes authoritatively about twenty varieties that are decorative in the garden as well as having medicinal properties and culinary uses. Dick Joice presents some interesting sidelights on social history with his latest selection of unusual implements. There is also much social history in Leslie Rawlings's memoirs of life and conditions at the "big houses" in which he and his family have served. Finally, Prynne Hutton's fascinating account of her life in the antique trade in Suffolk will interest and educate anyone who enjoys the quest for a bargain in a village antique shop.

The Boydell Press Ltd, PO Box 24, Ipswich, Suffolk. 90p each (postage 9½p). or £3.25 a set (postage 29p).

Domestic Bygones. By Jacqueline Fearn. The Victorians were an ingenious generation. They tried to find a mechanical aid for coping with most domestic chores. Some of their inventions, with modern improvements, still survive if only in principle; others have become obsolete and the more unusual are now popular again as expensive collectors' items. The author in her text has placed the implements for which boast that it will remove every seed without waste. Some of the period advertisements of ironmongers reproduced show the wide selection of gadgets available before the turn of the century.

Shire Publications Ltd, Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. 50p (postage 9½p).

Flower Arrangement Free-Style. By Edith Brack. "To create the extraordinary out of the ordinary calls for a certain aptitude in seeing in some mundane material a hidden beauty waiting to be exploited". Mrs Brack thus sums up the art of the free-style flower arranger. She scours holiday beaches for pieces of driftwood and on country walks searches for strangely shaped twigs. She has the eye of an artist in seeing their potential and using them effectively, like pieces of wood sculpture in her arrangements. Her ingenuity extends to the pottery designs specially executed for her arrangements. Her book is charmingly illustrated and Mrs Brack writes an entertaining commentary on her creations.

The Whitethorn Press Ltd, PO Box 237, Thomson House, Withy Grove, Manchester. £2.20 (postage 22p).

Cyril Bainbridge

Short composition became a symphony

By Martin Hackerby
Music Reporter

Another example of a new musical work that grew as the composer worked on it will receive its world premiere early next month, almost four years later than expected.

Like the ill-fated fourth symphony by Malcolm Williamson, the new symphony by Peter Maxwell Davies started life as a relatively short work but developed over a period of years into a piece lasting about 58 minutes.

The Philharmonia Orchestra had commissioned him to write an orchestral work for 1974. When he agreed to compose in 1973 he had no idea that it would grow into a symphony.

He wrote a moderately long single movement, provisionally called "Black Pentecost", a title taken from the last line of a poem by George Mackay Brown about ruined crofts in Orkney, where the composer lives.

However, I felt very keenly that this single movement was complete, and withdrew it, before performance", Mr Davies said. "It was, as it were, budding and putting out shoots."

From that point the work continued to sprout: the first step was to become two movements in one, a section that is now the second movement. The first chord of that movement led to a large new span of music, which has become the first movement of the work.

Since the ending of the second movement was no conclusion, a slow movement followed a few months later, and finally, a year ago, came the concluding movement.

The premiere of the work will be given on February 2 at the Festival Hall, London, by the Philharmonia Orchestra under Simon Rattle.

There has been surprise in the musical world at the appearance of a symphony from Mr Davies, who has never been known for producing works in such formal moulds as the symphony and the sonata. Nor, as he pointed out, has he written many orchestral scores.

He said: "Unless one writes orchestral music of a kind that I do not, the climate and economics of the orchestral concert scene being what they are, one is only very rarely going to hear an orchestral work performed, and even less often adequately prepared."

He regarded the scores he had written for large forces in the past as apprentice works, but he had recently begun to feel that he could write the orchestral music towards which he had been slowly and intermittently working over the years.

Mr Maxwell Davies is not the only composer to have a new symphony displayed to the public in the next few weeks: the *Sinfonia Mistica* by Andrzej Panufnik will be given its premiere by the Northern Sinfonia in Middlesbrough today. It will be performed in Newcastle upon Tyne tomorrow and at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, on Friday.

Panufnik, who was born in Poland but now has British nationality and lives in Britain, is much better known as a symphonist. *Sinfonia Mistica*, which lasts for about 28 minutes and is scored for a small orchestra, is the sixth in a series of symphonies.

Archaeology report

Hadrian's Wall: New Roman forts found

Archaeological excavations and aerial survey along the Solway Firth have shown that the western end of the Roman defensive system of Hadrian's Wall was even more complex and extensive than had been suspected. Two previously unknown forts have been found, at Annan and Burgh by Sands on either side of the firth north-west of Carlisle, in addition to the extensive coastal fortlet system found in 1975 (*The Times*, November 18, 1975; August 18, 1976). On the basis of the new discoveries Professor Barri Jones of Manchester University has suggested a three-phase development of the coastal defences on the English and the Scottish shores.

In the first of those, which he calls the "pre-Stanegate phase", there is a reflection of the seaborne invasion of southern Scotland described by Tacitus in the *Agricola*. The well known Roman fort at Ward Law, on the east of the Nith estuary, south of Dumfries, is joined to a native hill fort by connecting ditches with a Roman *titulus* protected entrance, suggesting that the native earthwork was incorporated by the Romans into their fortifications as a temporary expedient during the invasion. The Ward Law fort could be the beachhead for a seaborne invasion, but a better candidate has now presented itself in a second fort discovered by Professor Jones south of Annan, on the west bank of the Annan estuary, some miles east of Ward Law.

The new fort lies on low ground by the river, and covers between eight and nine acres, large enough for a military unit. Professor Jones feels that its position makes it a more likely candidate for a beachhead than the second fort known at Annan, east of the river on a ridge in a tactical position comparable with Ward Law.

The second phase involves the "Stanegate frontier" linked with the Roman road of that name in the area west of the termination of Hadrian's Wall at Carlisle. The Stanegate system was thought to end at Kirkbride, at the head of Moricambe Bay, where a fort was known, and fresh evidence has now appeared to link Kirkbride with the Carlisle region.

Aerial survey during the dry summers of 1975 and last year produced evidence of a Roman road running east for about four and a half kilometres from the fort on an alignment pointing at a ridge south of the village of Burgh by Sands (where a small fort was already known to lie below the village on the line of Hadrian's Wall). Last summer the ridge was found to be the site of a larger Roman fort only a short distance south of the other. It covers 4.6 acres, and crop marks show that the headquarters building inside it was built of stone, while the other structures were apparently of timber, suggesting a date not earlier than the Trajanic period at the end of the first and beginning of the second centuries AD. That in turn, Professor Jones suggests, should focus attention on the Trajanic military establishment at Carlisle.

The third phase of Roman activity in the area west of Carlisle involves the coastal frontier defences running west from Bowness and first reported in *The Times* in 1975 (November 18). Further work at Cardurnock and Silloth, respectively north and south of Moricambe Bay, has established the sequence of those defences in greater detail. At Cardurnock, Tower 48 of the defensive line consisted at first of a timber tower with palisades running off from the seaward corners, replaced by a continuous palisade curving across the tower foundations, and finally superseded by a stone tower overlying the filled-in ditch of the first phase.

At Silloth two palisades were found on slightly different alignments about 70 metres above high-water mark, shielding a patrol road which ran into a small square enclosure. Professor Jones suspects that the two palisade lines match up between the sites.

The recent discoveries thus demonstrate the development of the Roman defences on the English shore, and also offer a tempting suggestion in the fort at Annan of concrete evidence to back up Tacitus. Many further such discoveries may remain to be made in the thousands of aerial photographs taken during the (for archaeologists) exceptional dry summers of 1975-76.

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent
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Science report

Disasters: Making relief more effective

Earthquakes, flooding, tidal waves, drought, hurricanes: the world offers an endless succession of disasters. Scientists have made some progress in providing early warning, and research goes on vigorously. But they also have important things to say about disaster relief. Dr John Rivers says in *Nature's* editorial columns, and some of these things may expose traditional relief campaigns as having a "mythological basis". Dr Rivers, a nutritionist, is a member of the London Technical Group, which comprises people with professional skills relevant to the understanding of disasters and their relief.

Funding for disaster research has been fragmentary in the past few years, but there has been a rising yield of results, Dr Rivers says. For instance, food aid has been a regular constituent of disaster relief (particularly in countries that are ill-fed at the best of times) on the assumption that acute malnutrition must be at life-threatening levels.

But a moment's consideration of the nature of catastrophic disasters would reveal that they frequently hit the very young, the very old, the malnourished and the vulnerable. Relief based on supposed high levels of infantile malnutrition may be misconceived; levels of malnutrition may be lower than ever before.

Again, the rehousing of those who have lost their homes may follow a mistaken path. Many architects and designers have planned and produced homes that can be rapidly brought into the disaster area. But they suffer from a serious difficulty in that, quite apart from the possible unfamiliarity and unacceptability of imported products, they may severely affect the amount of local labour used in building during the months following the disaster; and the job of reconstruction is in itself a way of boosting morale.

Dr Rivers also points to the inoculation campaigns after floods; they are "fabulously expensive" and "hypnotize relief agencies". But are they the most effective use of limited resources? Research suggests that they may not be. The vaccines are not as efficient as is often supposed and may take 10 days, and more than one administration to become effective.

Further, research also questions the extent of actual disruption and contamination of water supplies in comparison with common supposition. So it may be that the money would go much farther and be better spent on simple reporting of symptoms and detailed investigation of individual outbreaks.

All that, of course, has relevance to the recent cyclone and tidal wave in Andhra Pradesh in which 30,000 people died and 2,500,000 were made homeless. Relief funds for the disaster have been particularly hard to come by and so have needed to be used with special care. What Dr Rivers is saying is that in those circumstances we might be better advised not simply to follow our natural instincts to dispatch whatever material aid we can quickly lay our hands on, but to think carefully about the subtler aspects of local needs. Scientific research into those needs might pay off handsomely in improved uses of limited resources.

By Nature-Times News Service
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Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr W. L. Allinson, aged 51, Minister and Deputy High Commissioner in Delhi since 1975, to be British High Commissioner to Zambia, in succession to Mr F. S. Miles.

Sir Stanley Burbury to continue as Governor of Tasmania for a further period of three years.

Mr John Baker, aged 52, a principal scientific officer at the Plant Pathology Laboratory, Harpenden, to be superintending plant health and seeds inspector, in succession to Mr Joseph P. Cleary. Lady Norton, national vice-president of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, to be chairman of the organization's appeals in succession to her late husband, Sir Charles Norton.

Dr D. Gilmour D. Isaac, aged 53, Rector of Marr College, Troon, to be Rector of Hutcheson's Grammar School, Glasgow, on the retirement of Mr Peter Whyte.

Gray's Inn

The following scholarships and awards have been announced by Gray's Inn:

Atkin scholarship: Miss J. Smith, King's C, London. Mould Scholarship: H. S. M. Ruzaie, Queens' C, Cambridge. Reid Scholarship: M. J. Pointer, Leicester Univ. Band Scholarship and a Society's Award: B. Pettet, University C, London. Birkenhead Award: T. N. Young, Magdalen C, Oxford Holker Senior awards: J. P. Baldwin, Leeds Univ and St John's C, Oxford; T. D. Straker, Downing C, Cambridge; Miss C. J. Pegum, King's

Stock Exchange Prices

Small selling

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 16. Dealings End, Jan 27. § Contango Day, Jan 30. Settlement Day, Feb 7

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield	
101⅛	95⅝	Treas 9%	99⅛ 1978	100⅝	..	8.956	5.839
104⅛	97⅞	Treas 10½%	1978	102⅝	..	10.243	5.294
100¼	90⅜	Exch 5¾	1976-78	99⅞	..	5.023	5.758
107	95¼	Treas 11¾%	1979	104⅞	-⅛	10.986	6.991
97⅛	84⅝	Treas 3½	1978	95¾	-⅛	3.145	5.258
98¾	88¼	Elec 4¾%	1974-79	95⅞	-⅛	1.410	6.280
109⅝	92⅜	Treas 10¾%	1979	104⅝	-⅛	10.060	7.813
97⅞	84⅞	Elec 3½%	1976-79	95⅝	-⅛	3.659	6.067
106¼	87⅝	Treas Cav 9¾	1980	102¾	-⅛	8.801	7.859
105¾	88⅝	Treas 9½%	1980	102⅝	-⅛	9.259	8.301
96	83¾	Treas 3½%	1977-80	94½	-⅛	3.702	5.939
98¾	82⅝	Fund 3½%	1979-80	95½	-⅛	3.499	7.326
112⅝	98¾	Exch 13¾	1980	109⅞	-⅛	11.915	8.273
108⅝	92⅞	Treas 11½%	1981	107⅞	-⅛	10.897	9.345
94⅝	77⅝	Treas 3½%	1979-81	91⅜	-⅛	3.833	6.648
104	86¾	Treas 9¾%	1981	100⅝	-⅛	9.808	9.422
97⅞	96⅞	Exch 8¾%	1981	96⅝	-⅛	8.546	9.473
110¼	97½	Exch 9¾%	1981	100¾	-⅛	9.477	9.431
92⅝	87⅜	Exch 3½	1981	87⅜	-⅛	3.439	6.918
113⅝	99⅞	Exch 12¾%	1981	110	-⅛	11.585	9.566
101⅜	93⅜	Treas 8¾%	1980-82	98⅝	-⅛	8.637	8.984
93¼	72½	Treas 3½	1982	85⅜	-⅛	3.911	7.186
119⅝	101¾	Treas 14½	1982	114⅜	-⅛	12.271	9.738
95⅝	93⅜	Treas 9¼%	1982	93⅝	-⅛	8.642	9.819
103¾	83⅝	Exch 9¾%	1982	98¾	-⅛	9.368	9.581
87⅞	81¼	Exch 3½	1983	83	..	3.646	7.221
114¾	95¾	Treas 12¾%	1983	114⅛	-⅛	10.901	9.485
101⅜	96½	Treas 9¾%	1983	96⅝	-⅛	9.279	9.596
96	72⅝	Fund 3½%	1982-84	88½	..	6.215	7.960
92⅜	77¾	Treas 3½%	1984-86	95⅝	..	8.907	9.295
119⅝	99	Treas 14¼%	1984	117⅝	..	11.867	11.480
114¾	94½	Exch 12¾%	1984	112⅝	..	11.488	11.320
98¾	98¼	Exch 9¾%	1984	98⅛	..	10.304	10.027
110¾	97⅞	Treas 12%	1985	105⅝	-⅛	11.363	11.354
31⅞	32⅜	Gas 3¾	1990-85	31⅞	..	8.913	8.485
112⅜	87¾	Treas 12¾%	1985	112⅜	..	11.332	11.307
112⅜	89⅞	Exch 12¾%	1985-87	112⅜	..	10.430	10.732
123⅜	101¼	Treas 15¼%	1986	120⅛	..	12.013	11.697
122⅝	89⅞	Exch 13¼%	1986	118⅝	..	11.630	11.422
32	30	Rdmptn 3½	1986-96	49⅞	..	6.172	8.597
121	87¾	Treas 11¾%	1987	119⅝	-⅛	11.521	11.402
105⅝	90⅝	Exch 10¾%	1987	94½	-⅛	10.997	11.078
99⅞	63⅜	Treas 8¾%	1987	87⅞	..	10.442	10.748
72⅜	51	Treas 6¾%	1995-98	71⅛	..	9.697	10.255
125⅞	102⅞	Treas 13¾%	1996	124	..	10.624	10.782
98⅜	69⅝	Exch 9¾%	1999	89½	..	10.624	10.782
45⅜	27⅞	Fund 3½%	1999-04	42	..	8.341	9.563
81¼	57⅜	Treas 8%	2002-08	79¾	..	10.339	10.497
85⅜	49⅝	Treas 5¾%	2008-12	57¾	..	9.942	10.333
98⅜	58	Treas 4¼%	2012-15	58	..	10.370	10.339
38¼	20¾	Consols 4%		38¼	..	10.476	..
38¼	25¾	War Ln 3½%		38¾	..	9.678	..
29¾	26½	Conv 3½%		28¾	..	9.283	..
25¾	20⅜	Treas 3½%		25⅜	..	11.094	..
24¼	17¼	Consols 2½%		23⅝	..	10.622	..
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COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

101½	91¾	Aust	5½%	78-78	101¾	+¼	5.563	6.088
96¾	83¾	Aust	5%	77-80	94½	+¼	5.828	8.744
88½	69¾	Aust	5%	51-62	85¾	..	6.338	9.419
87¼	65¼	Aust	6%	61-83	85¾	..	7.091	9.809
98	77¾	Aust	7¼	78-81	94½	..	7.584	9.614
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104¾	84¾	Ireland	7½%	81-83	88	..	..	..
98¼	82¾	Jamaica	7½%	77-79	95½	..	8.101	11.142
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73	63	Kenya	5¾	78-82	70	..	6.749	13.515
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97¾	91½	N Z	6¾	75-80	96½	..	6.362	9.070
73	53¾	N Z	5½	65-82	73½	-½	9.578	10.989
91	74	N Z	7½%	63-86	87½	..	8.621	9.834
91	74	N Rhd	6%	78-81	89	..	6.731	10.357
91	74	N Rhd	6%	78-81	89	..	6.731	10.357
155	145	Peru	6%	Ass	155	..	..	..
94	82	S Africa	6½%	79-81	94	-¼	..	..
70	30	S Rhd	3½%	52-70	66	-¼	..	..
68	30	S Rhd	4½%	57-69	60	-¼	..	..
68	30	S Rhd	6%	78-81	89	-2	..	..
55	45	Spanish	4%		45	..	..	..
50½	37	Tang	5½%	78-82	50½	..	7.325	12.660
98	80	Uruguay	3½%		90	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

97	90¼	L C C	3%	1920	96	+¼	11.835	..
84½	64¼	L C C	5%	80-83	84	..	6.038	9.263
93	72	L C C	5½%	77-81	93	..	5.915	7.681
85¾	62	L C C	5½%	82-84	83¾	..	6.589	8.833
93¾	72	L C C	5¾%	85-87	93¾	..	7.446	10.970
96¾	82	L C C	6¾	76-79	96¾	..	6.198	8.174
78	53¾	L C C	6¾%	68-90	77	..	8.764	10.021
73¾	53	G L C	6¾%	90-92	71	..	9.425	10.350
100½	83	G L C	5½%	80-82	98¾	..	9.670	9.998
107¾	92¾	G L C	5¾%	1962	105¾	..	11.294	10.900
111¾	94¾	G L C	5¾%	1963	110¾	..	11.833	9.886
100	88¼	C of L	6½%	78-78	100	..	6.505	6.500
74	70¾	C of L	6¾%	80-83	87½	..	7.435	10.031
93¾	88¼	Ag Mt	7¾%	81-84	92	..	8.860	9.997
92½	88¼	Ag Mt	7¾%	81-83	92	..	10.380	10.437
92½	82¾	Ag Mt	6¾%	82-90	75¾	..	9.361	11.000
91¼	73¾	Belfast	6½%	77-89	91½	..	7.102	10.027
91¼	73¾	Belfast	6½%	77-89	91½	..	7.102	10.027
98¾	84¾	Brighn	6¾%	76-78	96½	+¼	6.966	7.754
89¾	85	Camden	6¾%	77-79	98¾	..	6.691	7.648
91¼	73¾	Croydn	6½%	78-80	91½	..	7.497	10.027
99¾	85¾	Edin	6¾%	77-79	98¾	-¼	6.557	7.184
103	80	Glasgw	9½%	80-82	97	..	9.535	10.034
100	89	Gwich	6¾%	76-78	100	..	6.746	6.731
110¾	99¼	Liverpl	13¾%	1981	110	+¼	12.259	10.089
98¾	85¾	Met Water	5¾%	51-63	95¾	..	9.567	12.000
99	76½	N I	6¾%	79-80	99	..	7.299	12.990
55¾	60	N I	7%	82-84	53¾	..	8.459	10.846
98¾	65	N I Elec	6¾%	81-83	95¾	..	7.813	10.952
101	89½	Notts	6¾%	76-78	100	+¼	6.734	6.737
97	84	Sthend	5¾%	77-79	97	+¼	5.418	8.283
85	60¾	Swark	6¾%	83-86	83½	..	9.186	9.788
94½	77¾	Surrey	6¾	78-80	94½	..	6.347	8.524

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL							
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122	77	AAH	122	..	8.3	6.8	9.0
142	96	AB Electronic	108	-4	7.6	7.1	7.4
38	28	AC Cars	38	..	1.5	3.6	9.5
98	85	AGB Research	85	+1	3.5	4.1	14.1
232½	134	APV Hldgs	232	..	8.1	3.7	8.8
73	43	Aaronson Bros	61	-1	2.8	4.6	6.9
115	62	Acrow	113	-2	3.8	3.2	12.3
98	82	Do A	97	-4	3.6	4.2	9.9
41	11	Adda Int	35½	+2½	0.8	2.2	..
283	139	Advest Group	270	-2	15.2	5.6	7.5
63	34	Aaron's & Gen	57	..	3.5	6.1	10.2
62	42	Airfix Ind	51	..	4.6	9.0	6.7
131	79	Albright & W	101	..	6.5	6.4	6.8
96	69	Alcan 10½%	100	+½	1050	11.7	..
142	71	Do 9½% Cnv	£142	+2½	900	6.3	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	295	+5	19.7	6.6	10.7
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	58	-1	6.6	11.3	..
98½	25½	Allen W. G.	54	..	3.9	7.2	6.0
106¾	44¾	*Allied Colloids*	70	-12	2.3	3.3	12.3
68	43	Allied Insulators	60	-1	8.3	8.6	7.2
14	7½	Allied Plant	14	+½	1.1	7.6	8.4
56	19	Allied Polymer	50	h ..	3.4	6.7	24.5
188	75½	Allied Retailers	180	..	12.1	6.7	8.7
48	19	Alpine Hldgs	43	-1	2.5	5.8	25.7
282	210	Amal Metal	277	..	21.5	7.7	5.4
98	48½	Amal Power	126	-1	8.0	6.3	7.0
41	21	Amber Day	41	+1½	2.9	7.1	5.9
18	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	16	..	0.8	4.7	2.4
96	41	Anchor Chem	70	..	6.0	8.5	7.8
82	34	Anderson Strath	80	-½	3.8	7.7	6.8
98	48½	Anglia TV 'A'	88	..	6.0	6.8	7.7
340	280	Anglo Amer Ind	320	..	42.9	10.0	4.0
43	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	33	..	..	..	..
97	49	Appleyard	87	+2	6.7	7.7	7.8
39½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	39½	..	2.1	5.3	8.9
120	68½	Arlington Mtr	120	x ..	21.7	9.8	9.1
48	18	Alpine Hldgs	43	-1	2.5	5.8	25.7
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December's retail figures ive first signs of ong-awaited sales boom

y Melvyn Westlake

Hard evidence of an inci- ent consumer boom was pro- ded yesterday with the pub- ation of provisional figures owing a rise of more than 3 r cent in retail sales during ecember. This comes only ys after the Department of ade disclosed that the ovember retail sales were a od deal better than provi- nally thought.

After showing no significant e for about four years, a rong revival in consumer ending has been widely ex- cted by private and Govern- ent economists alike. But it peared to be taking longer to aterialize than some economic recasters had foreseen.

Yesterday's figures show a e of 3.2 per cent in the lume of retail business be- een November and Decem- r. This takes the official vernment index of retail les to 109¼ (1971=100), the ghest level for a couple of ars. Moreover, the figures ve been seasonally adjusted, they should not have been fluenced by Christmas spend- g.

A broad upward trend is also own if the last three months 1977 are taken together. They ow an annual rate of increase 1½ per cent over the previous ee months.

Some caution in interpreting the latest figures is needed because of the tendency for them to be markedly revised. But it would be unusual for any revision to be as much as a single percentage point, and this would still leave a significant jump in retail sales

At least part of the reason behind the rise is probably the tax-free bonus paid to pensioners and the tax concessions announced by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, in his October mini-Budget, together with the corresponding tax rebates. For many people, this money was received in pay packets last month.

In addition, the rise in earnings has overtaken the rise in prices recently, with the result that real average earnings have again begun to rise for the first time for many months.

This might be expected to boost consumer spending, unless employees chose to save more.

But, the indications are that people are now beginning to draw on their savings, and this will have the effect of further raising total consumer spending.

The ratio of savings to personal disposable income fell in the third quarter of 1977 for the second consecutive quarter. It dropped to 12.8 per cent, from 14.2 per cent in the early months of last year. This trend seems likely to have been continued last autumn and early winter.

Each fall of 1 per cent in the savings ratio adds around £800m to consumers' expenditure.

All of these factors are now expected to play a significant role in pushing up consumer spending this year. The latest Treasury forecasts indicate a rise of about 3 per cent in such spending between the second halves of 1977 and 1978.

An even stronger rise in consumer spending is predicted in the latest *National Institute Economic Review*. In this, a rise of 4.9per cent is foreseen between the second halves of 1977 and 1978. Much will obviously depend on what happens to wages and prices in the coming months.

If price inflation falls to 6½ per cent by the end of this year, as the Treasury believes, and earnings rise by as much as 15 per cent, this could lead to a substantial consumer boom.

But, if earnings looked like rising that fast, the Chancellor might feel disinclined to give as big tax reductions in his spring Budget as he might otherwise, for fear that imports would be sucked into the country if consumer spending rose too fast.

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New method urged for paying state board chiefs

By Malcolm Brown

A radically new method of setting the salaries of state industry board members has been put to the Boyle review body on top salaries. It would remove the initiative from the Government for setting salaries.

The Association of Members of State Industry Boards, which represents the overwhelming majority of fulltime nationalized industry board members, has suggested to Lord Boyle, as chairman of the review body, that the payment of board salaries for fulltime directors should be in two parts.

One part of the salary, which would represent a fee for board membership, would be set by the Government. But the balance, which would in effect set the salary level of the executive director, would be determined by the chairman of the state industry and the part-time members of the board sitting as an internal review committee.

Because the Boyle review body would have insufficient time to consider the proposal before the next salary recommendations are made in April, it is put forward for examination once the present review has been completed.

Both the state industry board members and the chairmen of the nationalized industries—through their own pressure group, the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group—have made clear their anger about the pay award announced by the Prime Minister in December.

Under that scheme board members earning more than £13,000 get a 5 per cent increase from January 1, while those paid less received increases up to 10 per cent.

The chairmen's group will make plain to Mr Callaghan that they regard the present review system as preferable. But they are ready to tell the Prime Minister that if the Government cannot demonstrate sufficient political will to make the system work fairly they will press for a complete change.

Chairmen and members of nationalized industries had received average rises of about 7 per cent since October, 1974, Mr Charles Morris, Minister of State, Civil Service Department, said in a Commons written reply yesterday. Civil Service undersecretaries had rises of 32.62 per cent in this period.

Edwardes plan for Leyland cars split meets hostile reaction

By Edward Townsend and David Felton

Mr Michael Edwardes, chairman of British Leyland, yesterday met hostile union reaction when he outlined his plans for reorganizing Leyland Cars and cutting 12,000 jobs.

National union officials and senior shops stewards from the car group's 30 manufacturing centres met the new Leyland chief in London to hear details of the plans which Mr Edwardes hopes to be able to outline to the Prime Minister soon.

By all accounts he was given a rough ride and his proposals to decentralize the group met with outright opposition from several union leaders. One union official described the plan as "piecemeal slaughter" of the group.

Tomorrow Mr Edwardes is due to meet Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, for further talks and is certain to seek confirmation of a government promise of full state support.

Both sides agreed not to make public details of the talks, but several union leaders ignored the agreement.

Mr John Rowan, national officer for the technical and supervisory section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said the Edwardes plan was "to go back to where Stokes and Barber left off—back to Austin-Morris, back to Rovers, Triumph and Jaguar—the very structure which failed so abysmally in 1974."

"Leyland is being chopped into smaller blocks so that its enemies can pull it to bits piecemeal."

Mr Rowan said Leyland was too small in international terms and to make it smaller would weaken the company. "And behind that assassination are tens of thousands of jobs in Lucas, GKN and Rubery Owen", he said.



Mr Grenville Hawley of the TGWU (left) and Mr Terry Duffy of the AUEW.

Apparently the Edwardes plan is to recreate separate accounting divisions in Leyland Cars—Austin-Morris, Rover, Triumph and Jaguar. In addition, union sources said a new company would be set up to manufacture Land-Rovers and Range Rovers. A further new division would also be created to encompass the foundries operations producing engine blocks, transmissions and axles.

Mr Ray Edwards, assistant general secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive Clerical and Computer Staff, which has 8,000 members within Leyland Cars, said there would be strong union opposition to the creation of a new Land-Rover/Range Rover company.

He felt that because this section was profitable and had large export markets, particularly in the Middle East, it would be a prime candidate for hiving off to private enterprise.

Mr Edwardes was said to have told the unions that British Leyland in its present form was unmanageable and that his predecessors had had an impossible task.

He said that he was aiming for a cut of 12,00 jobs before the end of the year, most of which would be achieved by natural wastage. This was based on a projected output of 850,000 to 890,000 vehicles this year.

Among other projects apparently being reviewed is a computer centre at Redditch which would link all Leyland Cars' operations.

Despite Mr Edwardes' statement yesterday on the loss of jobs, union leaders fear that the total may be nearer to 30,000.

In a brief statement the chairman said the meeting reflected the participative style developed in Leyland, which he strongly supported.

Talks deadlocked: Seven-hour talks held at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service's London headquarters yesterday to try to end the 11-week strike by 2,000 workers at Leyland's Speke plant broke up in deadlock.

Sharing out the profits in Liberal fashion

A profit-sharing scheme, giving millions of employees the opportunity to acquire shares in their own companies, now seems certain to be unveiled by the Chancellor in his spring Budget.

Only if the Liberals decided at their vital Assembly in Blackpool on Saturday to stop supporting the Government, would there be any doubt that some profit-sharing scheme would find its way into this year's Finance Bill.

A consultative document containing three choices is to be published in the next two or three weeks. Senior Liberals received a draft of this document just before the weekend. One of the three outlined in the document comes very close to the Liberals' own profit-sharing proposals.

In the past government ministers and TUC leaders have shown no particular enthusiasm for formal profit-sharing legislation, and the inclusion of such a scheme in the Budget would be regarded by the leadership of the Liberal Party as concrete evidence that their support for the Government was paying off.

Unfortunately for Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, he will not have a published copy of the Inland Revenue's consultative document to wave at his followers on Saturday. Ministers still have not considered the draft, and have yet to decide whether the issue has reached the stage where publication of alternative schemes would be helpful.

But if the Liberals voted to continue supporting the Government, the chances of the scheme going forward would clearly be very high.

Under all three schemes, companies would not be forced to distribute profits to employees. They might instead be encouraged with tax concessions. The principal difference



Mr John Pardoe.

between the Liberal proposals and the alternative schemes is that the latter envisage shares being bought by employees at a discount on the prevailing market price.

Liberals argue that this would have tax disadvantages and would also be resisted by existing shareholders, who could make employees' share-ownership more restrictive than it need otherwise be.

The Liberal proposals have been designed by Mr John Pardoe, MP for Cornwall North, and Liberal spokesman on economic affairs, and Mr Philip Goldenberg, a solicitor and Liberal candidate.

Under their proposals, employees would purchase shares at the prevailing market rate out of gross pay, but would incur no income tax liability on that proportion of gross pay used for the purchase.

If the shares were held for a specified period, there would be some tax concession when they were sold.

To prevent wealthy individuals benefiting unduly, as happened when the 1972 Conservative profit-sharing schemes were enacted, there will be a top limit—probably about £500—on the value of the profits distributed to each employee each year.

There might also be in the scheme finally chosen for inclusion in the Finance Bill, a limit of possibly 10 per cent on the amount of shares in a company that could be distributed annually to the workers.

One difficulty, however, is that shares could only be offered when the company wished to raise extra money for investment. If there were not this matching rise in a company's assets and liabilities, there would be a dilution in the value of the existing shares.

Melvyn Westlake

January sales lift turnover 15 pc

Patricia Tisdall

A buoyant start to January is reported by the retail ide yesterday. Significant provements of 15 to 20 per nt. by value over the same riod last year were experi- ced throughout the country. Better trading was helped by en sale prices and the long nufacturing holiday, but ailers believe that their stomers are showing a eater willingness to spend. They are apprehensive, how- er, that the momentum will ve run out by February and ere will then be a lull til the extent of the widely pected Budget tax cuts are own.

Mr Mark Souhami, chairman Dixons UK retailing divi- n, reflected retailers' views en he said that the improve- ment would be "short and sharp".

The colder weather has helped trade in fashion clothing which accounts for a substantial department store business. Debenhams which has 76 stores, reckons that an improvement in clothing sales had helped to maintain a 20 per cent increase in turnover over the comparable period last year.

The latest John Lewis Partnership figures show a 19.7 per cent rise in department store turnover for the week ending January 7. Buying directors at JLP report big increases in sales of hard furnishings, radio and television sets and electrical goods.

Littlewoods, which had run a full-scale discount sale for the first time in its 105 stores, said that trade had been "exceptionally good" so far and had exceeded expectations.

Provincial and regional centres appear to have done slightly better than stores in London's West End. Owen Owen, the Liverpool-based department stores group, says its January sales had been "very successful", with trade running ahead of estimate in its 22 stores up to last weekend.

After an initial spurt during the New Year holiday there was a falling off in tourist buying. Selfridges in Oxford Street, which looks to overseas visitors for almost half of its annual turnover, said the volume of sales from foreign customers had been "considerable", but added that it had advertised heavily on the Continent.

Chrysler offers output incentives

By Clifford Webb

Chrysler UK, which is expected shortly to announce losses of about £22m last year, is offering substantial cash payments to its 23,000 employees in return for increased output.

Last night the company refused to disclose details until talks with senior shop stewards are concluded later this week.

It is understood, however, that the Government, which will have to find £10m of the losses, has already said that the offer meets its requirements to qualify as a self-financing productivity deal.

Chrysler originally forecast a profit of around £300,000 in 1977, but labour unrest at its plant at Linwood, Renfrewshire, concluding with a fortnight-long strike in December, upset recovery hopes.

It is now wrestling with another potentially explosive problem: where to build its next new car. This was originally scheduled for Linwood, but a combination of Linwood's appalling labour record and second thoughts on the car's concept could see it going to Ryton, near Coventry.

Ryton, which assembles the largely French manufactured Alpine, is consistently meeting its production targets. But these are still well below the plant's installed capacity.

The deciding factor could be a decision to change the new car's design from rear wheel to front-wheel drive. Ryton is geared to produce front-wheel cars while Linwood concentrates on rear-wheel Avengers and Sunbeams.

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he Federal Reserve Bank re- edly intervened in the ed States money market y to hold the rate for eral funds to 6¾ per cent. ter this week, however, the is likely to let the rate e up to 7 per cent, spark- a general shift to higher t-term interest rate levels

ie Fed's open market com- ee is likely to decide at its ing tomorrow in favour of er credit policies. is underlines its conviction further action is needed to orce the recent discount rise and bolster the dol- foreign exchange rate. veral members of the com- e consider that the recent unt rate rise and the st increase in the Fed s rate from 6¼ per cent to r cent is insufficient. ey also believe that further actions are vital on the interest rate front to strengthen foreign confidence in the resolve of the American authorities to support the dollar.

Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Fed, along with top Treasury officials, believes that occasional exchange market intervention to eradicate disorderly market conditions is the best means of striving to stabilize the dollar's exchange rate.

Support for tightening of Fed money policy is also likely to come from those members of the committee who are concerned by the latest sharp rise in the money stock.

A majority of the Fed's committee are believed to support tighter credit conditions.

But some members think it might be prudent and fair if they delayed such a decision until Mr William Miller, chairman-designate of the Fed has taken office.

old price at 3-year peak

uroline Atkinson

gold price leapt up on ondon markets yesterday highest level against the since early April, 1975, e a steadying in the on the news from Saudi a that the oil producers continue to take their ues in dollars.

t week the Saudi Arabian inister was reported as that the dollar's weak- had led to serious con- tion of pricing oil in other currency, or a of currencies.

a statement yesterday Mohammed Abal Khail, audi minister of finance conomy, denied that this been suggested. But he did say that the Opec economic committee would discuss methods of estimating the oil price.

The dollar perked up on the news, but later drifted back to about the same levels as at Friday's close.

The gold price has generally moved fairly closely with the dollar recently, but yesterday it jumped $2.75 to close at £175.375 an ounce. In after hours trading, however, it lost some of its glitter.

Sterling rose against a basket of currencies to close up 0.1 at 65.9 although it dropped in dollar terms to $1.9285, from $1.9325, on the news of the visible trade deficit in December.

Stock Exchange listing on way for Alcan Aluminium ordinary shares

By Desmond Quigley

Alcan Aluminium (UK), Britain's largest aluminium producer, which is almost wholly owned by the Montreal-based Alcan Aluminium Ltd, will effectively go public later this year.

The company yesterday announced its first significant dividend on its ordinary shares of 15p a share gross, and said that it expected to maintain the same rate of dividend in the current financial year. This is likely to result in the holders of the convertible loan stock exercising their option to convert into ordinary shares in May.

The company also reported that it had made an unaudited pre-tax profit of £24.5m in the year to the end of December, compared with £10m the previous year, after sales had risen from £227m to £267m. The proposed dividend is covered 2.8 times on full conversion of the loan stock.

Mr John Elton, chairman of Alcan Aluminium (UK), said that profits this year should not be markedly different from those of the last 12 months.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday, the convertible jumped from £116 to £140 per £100 nominal of stock. On the basis of a straight one-for-one conversion, full conversion, along with Finance Corporation for Industry exercising its own option rights, valued the company last night at £64m. Full conversion will result in the public acquiring 21.9 per cent of Alcan UK.

Alcan said yesterday that the Stock Exchange had granted permission in principle for a listing of the ordinary stock provided at least 5 per cent of the loan stock is converted and that there is a minimum of 250 shareholders apart from Alcan Aluminium Ltd.

The 9 per cent loan stock was issued in 1969 to help the company finance the construction of a 120,000 tonnes a year smelter at Lynemouth, Northumberland. FCI also made a £15m loan to the company, with the right to switch up to £1.5m into ordinary shares.

Yesterday it seemed that most loan stock holders would convert in May since the effective return on the convertible will rise from 6.4 per cent to 10.7 per cent on conversion at last night's prices.

The company has had a patchy profits performance, having made a pre-tax loss in four our of the last eight years, but made a profit of £10m in 1976.

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PWR expert may help clinch reactor choice

By Roger Vielvoye

One of the leading executives from the West German nuclear reactor building industry is flying to London today to meet Mr Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, who is beginning a second week of talks on Britain's nuclear choice which will involve staunch advocates of the pressurized water reactor system (PWR).

The first of the PWR enthusiasts is Dr Hans Frewer, a director of Kraftwerk Union, the Siemens subsidiary which has built reactors under a licence from the American Westinghouse company and to its own designs that improve the safety aspects of PWR to meet German requirements.

He will be followed tomorrow by senior representatives from the Westinghouse Corporation who have licensed Britain's National Nuclear Corporation to build their designs.

Last night Mr Benn also met Sir Arnold Weinstock, managing director of GEC, the largest shareholder in the NNC, for the second time in a week. Sir Arnold and Lord Aldington, NNC's chairman, have led the campaign in favour of the PWR against its British-designed rival the advanced gas cooled reactor (AGR).

Concentration on supporters of the PWR system during the second week of discussions reflects the particular interest of the Prime Minister and other senior Cabinet ministers in the system.

It was this interest that prevented the Cabinet reaching a firm decision on a thermal reactor choice at its meeting before Christmas and sent Mr Benn on his new round of consultations.

Although Mr Benn has been strongly opposed to foreign-designed reactors, he is now finding out how big a commitment Britain would have to make to PWR to enable the system to become a genuine competitor to the AGR when nuclear power stations are ordered from 1980 onwards.

Since the Cabinet impasse Mr Benn's attitude has softened, and at a press conference last week he said he would recommend further design and safety work on PWRs by the British industry. But he is still expected to suggest that the next two orders for the British nuclear industry should be AGRs.

However, some government and industry circles feel that the Cabinet disagreement has thrown the choice wide open and that PWRs have a much better chance of playing a significant role in future nuclear power developments.

They feel that the CEGB suggestion of a firm commitment to PWR as a back-up system with work beginning on the first of these reactors in 1980, has a better chance of being accepted.

Nuclear industry sources say it is significant that Mr Benn has asked to see representatives from Kraftwerk Union, as the company has developed new safety, design and construction methods which might be more acceptable in Britain.

Inchcape is bidder for Pride & Clarke

By Nicholas Hirst

Inchcape, the international trading group, emerged yesterday as the bidder for Pride & Clarke, holder of the United Kingdom Toyota franchise, whose shares were suspended at 260p on Friday.

The agreed bid of 525p per share in cash, or 144 Inchcape shares for every 100 Pride & Clarke, values the group at £10¼m. Holders of 45 per cent of Pride & Clarke's shares have agreed to accept the bid, and with friends and families holding a further 20 per cent, success is assured. Pride & Clarke's shares closed yesterday at 515p.

Inchcape said the acquisition of the Toyota franchise represents an extension of the long-standing relationship the group already has with Toyota in many parts of the world.

Pride & Clarke will be integrated into Anglo-Thai, a subsidiary of Inchcape, which is a major distributor of British Leyland cars in this country through its Mann Egerton subsidiary. Mr Peter Heath, chairman of Anglo-Thai, said yesterday that the group did not intend to press Japanese cars on the United Kingdom market at the expense of British Leyland.

Mr Arthur Clarke, the chairman of Pride & Clarke, who is 84, will be resigning, but Mr Trevor Clarke and Mr John Pride, directors of the group, will be staying on.

A second interim dividend equal to 10.86p gross is to be paid by Pride & Clarke in lieu of a final. As part of the arrangements of the bid Pride & Clarke's reserves will be capitalized by a four-for-one scrip issue, the effect of which will be to reduce costs.

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Scots company's export award

All 17 people who work for Crow Hamilton, the Glasgow-based pump manufacturers, went to Downing Street last night to receive *The Sunday Times* award for export success from the Prime Minister.

The company—whose big success is a pneumatic concrete pump—boosted overseas sales in three years from £78,000 in 1973 to £336,000 in 1976. Five of the party which went to Downing Street had to cancel overseas selling trips.

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£60,000 handshake

Mr James Power, previously assistant managing director with responsibility for finance and planning at the Burton Group, was paid £60,000 compensation on leaving the menswear retailer and manufacturer last August. He had been 10 years with the group and had five years of his service contract to run. He has since joined Chester Barry,

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How the markets moved

The Times index : 200.24—2.43
The FT index : 474.2—6.7

Rises

ANZ Grp	8p to 245p	Ldn Sumatra	11p to 91p
Assam Trading	15p to 305p	Metals Explor	1p to 15p
Crossland	8½p to 37p	P'dilly Theatre	6p to 86p
Elsburg Gold	7p to 123p	Pride & Clarke	248p to 515p
Harmony	11p to 357p	Winkelhaak	16p to 591p

Falls

Allied Colloids	12p to 70p	Rakusen	1p to 18p
Beecham	8p to 645p	Reckitt & Colman	8p to 415p
Brentnall Beard	3p to 50p	Royal	9p to 403p
Geevor Tin	10p to 470p	Sun Alliance	14p to 580p
Glaxo	10p to 583p	Thorn	10p to 352p
Hickson Welch	10p to 535p	Tiger Oats	15p to 465p
McCorquodale	10p to 243p	Turner Mfg	5p to 97p
Metal Box	10p to 300p	Turner Newall	8p to 200p
Newarthill	10p to 160p	Unilever	6p to 520p

Equities fell back.
Gilt-edged securities closed above the bottom.
Dollar premium 69.5 per cent (effective rate 25.82 per cent).
Sterling lost 40 pts to $1.9285.
The effective exchange rate index was at 65.9.
Gold gained $2.75 to $175.375.
SDR-$ was 1.21309 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.628870.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1423.7 (previous 1424.7).

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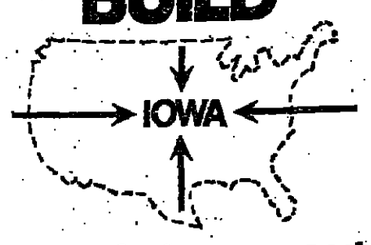
	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.74	1.69
Austria Sch	31.00	29.00
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.50
Canada $	2.16	2.10
Denmark Kr	11.42	11.02
Finland Mkk	7.95	7.70
France Fr	9.32	9.00
Germany Dm	4.27	4.05
Greece Dr	79.00	75.50
Hongkong $	9.20	8.75
Italy Lr	1765.00	1655.00
Japan Yn	485.00	460.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56	4.34
Norway Kr	10.20	9.84
Portugal Esc	89.00	84.50
S Africa Rd	2.12	2.00
Spain Pes	165.00	158.00
Sweden Kr	9.27	8.92
Switzerland Fr	3.99	3.77
US $	1.98	1.92
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	37.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Wearside team hopes to settle £52m India ship deal this weekend

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Attempts will be made this weekend to complete the £52m shipbuilding deal with India which is to be financed out of United Kingdom aid.

The Shipping Corporation of India has invited top executives from Sunderland Shipbuilders, headed by Mr Jim Gilfillan, chairman and chief executive, for talks in Bombay on the proposed contract for six 16,500 tons deadweight multi-purpose cargo ships.

The Wearside group has been pursuing the contract for more than 18 months and Mr Gilfillan said last night that the invitation to visit Bombay indicated encouraging prospects.

"It is hoped that full technical specifications will be *finalized next week*, possibly the final step before signing of the contract", he said.

The deal, which was discussed by Mr Callaghan during his visit to India last week, has also attracted the attention of an all-party committee of MPs who next week are to question Mrs Judith Hart, Minister of State for Overseas Development, on the terms.

In a survey* of the new building market last year, Fairplay International said of the Indian deal: "It seems with offers like this that days of fair competition have gone forever and further emphasizes what a buyer's paradise it is when desperation rules."

**The Newbuilding Market* 1977, *Fairplay International*, £20.

Threat to Polish order

Swan Hunter shipbuilding yards on the Tyne, recently awarded a share of a big Polish order, ran into fresh trouble yesterday when 3,500 boilermakers voted to end their present working agreement from Thursday.

They are giving up the flexibility and interchangeability achieved between their trades to improve production and returning to the old principle of "one man, one job".

This is their reaction to the cutting back of their longstanding pay differentials following the recent £5.40 "fair wages" award to the company's 1,700 outfitters.

The main grievance is that they gave up many of their working practices to get their level of earnings, but the outfitters have been asked to give nothing away in return for the £5.40.

Mr John Chalmers, general secretary of the Boilermakers' Society, appealed to the men at yesterday's meeting at Newcastle not to end their agreement.



Mr Callaghan presenting The Sunday Times award for export success to Mr John Fordham, chairman and managing director of Crow Hamilton, of Glasgow, at 10 Downing Street last night.

Toy makers optimistic over sales

By Our Commercial Editor

Despite a marginal decline in attendances by retail and wholesale buyers on the opening day of the biggest ever British Toy and Hobby Fair at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre, major toy manufacturers yesterday were more optimistic about sales than for the last two years.

After an indifferent year for manufacturers' sales, last Christmas finally cleared many days of the fair justify more optimism about manufacturers' stocks at the retail level and orders taken in the first two sales this year. Mr Joe Thake, chairman of the British Toy Manufacturers' Association (BTMA) committee organizing

The skateboard phenomenon looks likely to run for another year at its present level of some two million units in 12 months, according to Europe's largest skateboard manufacturer Morris Vulcan of Solihull, near Birmingham.

Mr Derek Morris, managing director of this private company, said his group sold nearly a million units last year at from £5 to £50.

The fair next year will switch to Earls Court, London, after only two years at Birmingham, the BTMA announced.

Brokers charged with stealing from clients

Clients of a London stockbroking firm lost nearly 100,000 shares when the firm *crashed after the shares had* been pledged—without permission—as security for bank loans, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Five former partners in the firm of Chapman and Rowe, and the former managing clerk, had pledged clients' shares without their knowledge.

Mr Neil Denison, prosecuting, said that the firm went bust on the Stock Exchange in April, 1974.

The five former partners, Mr Victor Thomas Andrews, 33; Mr John Maxwell Gordon, 38; Mr Ralph Clarke, 49; Mr Alan Harman, 34; Mr George Edward Miller, 38, and Mr John Michael Goodsell, 35, the former managing clerk, all deny 10 charges of theft and fraud.

They are charged with conspiring between September 1973 and April 1974 to defraud clients by using their stocks and shares, without authority, as security for loans.

They are also charged with stealing 98,225 shares from clients and presenting a false balance sheet.

In the last six month of its existence the firm produced a balance sheet purporting to show that it was solvent when it was not, said Mr Denison.

"The result was that by the time the firm washammered in April, if he had decided to make delivery of all the gold *shares he had sold he* would have had to find something a little in excess of a quarter of a milion pounds," said Mr Denison.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Halewood strike costs Ford £2m a day in output

By R. W. Shakespeare

Strikers from the Ford plant at Halewood, Merseyside, will meet today to decide whether or not to continue their stoppage which has already cost about £10m in lost output of Escort cars.

The shutdown of car assembly operations at Halewood, with 8,000 workers made idle, results from a strike by 1,000 press shop men who are in dispute *with the management over* manning and work schedules.

The stoppage is costing Ford £2m a day in lost production and the labour force is losing £120,000 a day in wages.

District union officials met Ford management for more talks yesterday but there was no indication last night that any peace formula had been arrived at

Call for disclosure on loans by deposit-taking groups

By Our Financial Staff

The Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies has called for further information about short-term loans and advances by deposit-taking companies. In its memorandum *Accounting Regulations for Deposit-Taking Companies*, the *CCAB has recommended that* the Department of Trade extends its existing disclosure proposals.

The Committee feels that the *Department's White Paper The Licensing and Supervision of Deposit Taking Institutions*, published by the Treasury in August 1976, should be extended so that accounts disclose the amount of deposits repayable within seven days.

They should also show the amount of loans to and by the deposit-taking company repayable within seven days. Further, total amounts received from or payable to other deposit-taking institutions should be distinguished from *other loans and deposits.*

Regarding loans to directors of deposit-taking companies, the Committee advises that the restrictions imposed by section 190 of the Companies Act 1948 should be stretched to cover the concept of "directly and indirectly" presently contained in section 54, thus making it unlawful "for a company to *make a loan, directly or in*directly, to any person who is a director or a director of its holding company".

All loans should be on an *arm's length basis as to amount*, security and interest and whether secured or unsecured —although the Committee accepts that the definition of arm's length needs further consideration.

Weetabix granted interim price rise

By Patricia Tisdall

The Weetabix breakfast cereal company whose prices are being investigated by the Price Commission *has been granted an* interim price increase.

An application granted under the safeguard regulations of the price control legislation gives it an overall average weighted increase of 6.36 per cent over the Weetabix range of breakfast products and of 6.46 per cent across Alpen and other Muesli *products.*

The increases mean approximately ½p to 1p on a packet containing 12 Weetabix biscuits; 1p to 2p on a 24 biscuit packet and 2p to 3p on a 48 biscuit pack.

Weetabix was informed of the Commission's decision on Friday and new trade price lists were *issued on the same* day.

The interim increase allowed is understood to be below that originally applied for, but the company would not say by how much.

Business inventories up $1,530m in US

Business inventories rose a seasonally-adjusted $1,530m or 0.5 per cent in November, the Commerce Department said. *November inventories total an* adjusted $331,990m in November up from $330,460m in October.

The October figure was $950m

TRADE VOLUMES AND TERMS OF TRADE

The following are the unit volume index numbers for visible trade, seasonally adjusted, and the terms of trade index, non-seasonally adjusted, issued by the Department of Trade yesterday:

		1970=100 Exports Volume	1970=100 Imports Volume	Terms of Trade*
1976		136.6	134.3	80.1
1977	p	148.4	142.3	81.7
1977	Q1	141.9	142.4	80.4
	Q2 r	149.9	144.8	80.1
	Q3 r	153.7	142.0	81.5
	Q4 p	148.0	139.9	84.8
1977				
July	r	153.5	149.3	79.6
Aug	r	152.0	131.9	82.0
Sept	r	155.7	144.9	83.0
Oct		150.0	140.4	83.9
Nov	r	142.9	133.2	85.3
Dec	p	151.2	146.2	85.3

r revised
p provisional
* export unit value index as a percentage of the import unit value index.

UK TRADE

The following are the December trade figures seasonally adjusted and corrected on a balance of payments basis with allowance for known recording errors:

	Exports £m	Imports £m	Visible balance £m
1975	25,418	28,987	−3,571
1977p	32,174	33,831	−1,657
1977 Q1 r	7,457	8,385	−928
Q2 r	8,055	8,778	−723
Q3 r	8,423	8,467	−44
Q4 p	8,239	8,201	+38
1976			
Dec	2,448	2,662	−214
1977			
Jan	2,479	3,017	−538
Feb	2,437	2,625	−188
March	2,504	2,747	−243
April	2,648	2,795	−146
May	2,612	2,889	−277
June r	2,727	3,085	−358
July r	2,733	2,978	−245
Aug r	2,796	2,660	+136
Sept r	2,894	2,829	+65
Oct r	2,771	2,725	+46
Nov r	2,650	2,578	+72
Dec p	2,818	2,898	−80

r revised
p provision

RETAIL SALES

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for retail sales released by the Department of Industry:

	Sales by volume 1971=100 seas. adj.	Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months at annual rate	Sales by value percentage change on 2 years earlier £m
1976			
Dec	108.3	− 1.5	+16
1977			
Jan	106.7	− 2.1	+12
Feb	105.7	− 6.6	+15
March	103.1	−11.8	+14
April	103.4	−14.0	+12
May	104.4	−12.7	+15
June	103.8	− 4.1	+14
July	107.0	+ 4.3	+16
Aug	107.2	+10.9	+16
Sept	106.2	+11.6	+14
Oct	105.4	+ 4.6	+13
Nov	106.1	+ 0.4	+11
Dec p	109.5	+ 1.5	+16

p provisional.

Sir Alex Smith

As the result of a printing error, Sir Alex Smith, chairman of the Schools Council, was inaccurately reported yesterday in some remarks about the attitudes of young people towards industry. What he actually said was: "Much of the alienation of young people happens because of their feeling that there is no moral dimension in our industrial/commercial culture."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Measuring export competitiveness

From Mr Shaun Stewart

Sir, The conclusion in Melvyn Westlake's article (January 10) on export competitiveness that we still have room for manoeuvre is untenable because the true position is much worse than would appear from the Treasury figures on which he was relying.

The IMF index of relative normal unit labour costs and the Treasury index of relative wholesale prices would be relevant *only* if it is true that export costs and prices sooner or later rise or fall by the same amount as domestic costs and prices, or vice versa. The international monetarists assume there is such a relationship, but the figures and common observation show that there is no such relationship and for the very good reason that economies of scale are *very much more significant* in export industries, particularly in manufacturing, than in the economy generally.

This means that a country with a favourable exchange rate can remain competitive at home and overseas even when its costs and prices generally are rising faster than those of other countries. The converse is true of countries like the United Kingdom with an unfavourable rate.

The same objection applies to the Treasury comparison between wholesale and export prices. The difference between the two is *not* a measure of the relative profitability of exports, as the figures for 1963-67 show unquestionably.

The comparison is in any case invalidated by the use of unit values as a measure of the level of export prices. These have ceased to be reliable because of changes in the pattern of trade. A comparison based on *average* values would show that even in the fourth quarter of 1976 wholesale prices had risen *more* than both import and export prices since 1970, itself a year of import-led stagnation.

The index of relative export prices is also defective because it is based on unit values and because it takes no account of (i) tariff changes on entry into the EEC and (ii) goods which have been priced out of the market.

The best measure if competitiveness for managing the exchange rate is the terms of trade for manufactures. The pattern of trade is much the same and the competitior imports is broadly rep ative of the competition seas. The series is more tent than any other in e ing what has happened market place.

The fact that our sh world trade has recent creased is no more than lection of (i) the fall exchange rate in Oc November, 1976, (ii) th that exports to (as well ports from) the EEC are ing more rapidly as a re *free trade and (iii)* th that our exports are affected by the slowing of trade between ind countries. However, our prices have risen by 1 cent and 25 per cent tively, compared to th Germany and the United over the past 12 month every month that pass *position gets worse. Our* deficit with German approximately £1,300m manufactures is bound much worse.

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Look elsewhere for a trains conspiracy

From the Secretary of State for Transport

Sir, Mr Richard Hope is a highly respected journalist. I normally read him with attention and regard. At the *moment*, however, he seems to have lost his head in pursuing a conspiracy theory.

First, he claimed in *The Times* last Wednesday the existence of a confidential letter in which I am supposed to have instructed Mr Peter Parker, the chairman of the British Railways Board, about how he should deal with a management matter concerning Type 56 locomotives and productivity. Mr Parker wrote to you the following day and said that there was no such letter. It should be unnecessary for me to confirm this, but I do.

But now Mr Hope has *returned to the fray. He says* (*The Times*, January 13) that following the publication of his article, I sent for Mr Parker to ask him to explain the matter. Mr Hope is wrong again. If he had examined my diary, he would have seen that an appointment with Mr Parker for that afternoon had been fixed some days before.

I am ready to admit—and I trust that such openness will not embarrass Mr Hope, it should flatter him—that the first item in our discussion was *Mr Hope's article*. I admit also that we were both rather angry —but with Mr Hope, not with each other.

These may seem relatively trifling matters to some of your readers. What is serious and distressing is that an attempt has been made to cast doubt on the proper exercise of my responsibilities as Minister in *relation to a nationalized indus*try and the proper exercise by a chairman of his managerial responsibilities. We frequently discuss matters of common concern and share an ambition to give the railways a settled and significant future. Perhaps there are those who regret this and that a Minister and a chairman get on so remarkably well. *If there is a conspiracy*, Mr Hope might be justified in looking for it elsewhere.

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From Mr R. A. Castle

Sir, The arguments put forward by Aslef for having a second man in the cabs of modern locomotives may well be spurious as Mr Richard Hope wries (January 11); and it may well be true that at present the second man is carried although there is nothing to do.

It does not follow, however, that there is now no case for having two men to crew locomotives; indeed I have never been completely happy at the thought of only one man at the controls of any train. Good though the safety record of our railways may be, accidents due to driver *error have* occurred many times in the past and there is no reason to think that they will not continue to do so. It is not difficult to recall accidents that have occurred recently due to a mistake by a train driver.

In my view there should be two men in the cab; the concept of one of them being a second man ought to be abolished, he should be replaced by a co-driver in the fullest sense of the word, and with full responsibility for any driver error which is not corrected until it is too late. In the event of any accident resulting from failure to observe signals or speed limits, then both driver and co-driver should be held equally to blame.

There is a choice between maximum economy and the greatest practical safety. One of the railway's greatest virtues *is safety. Although it did not* occur on British Railways, would the Moorgate disaster have been possible if the train had had two men in the driving cab?

My argument is not weakened because there were driver errors on steam locomotives despite the presence of a fireman: the fireman was in no way a second man or co-driver, he was mostly occupied entirely by his own job, and the driver stood alone. He hardly ever made a disasterous mistake, but *if he did there was* little chance of him being corrected in time; this situation need not prevail today for the sake of economy in a rich country with one and a half million unemployed.

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From Mr A. Sandman

Sir, "How many men in the train drivers cab?"

The real answer is that there should be none at all!

Some years ago I put forward proposals in the now defunct *Control* magazine which would have led to the total automation of the railways. There was an exchange of correspondence between myself and a member of the British Railways research laboratory at, if memory serves, Derby.

I now understand why so little progress has been made in spite of talk of lorry-sized, self-powered wagons, automatically steering themselves across country.

The unions simply wouldn't wear it, it seems.

A. SANDMAN,
57 Primrose Hill Court,
King Henrys Road,
NW3.

Why any pay rise a all for steelmen?

From Mr A. F. Lilley

Sir, You report the ch of the steel trades un "expecting" a 10 per ce rise for his members.

May one inquire why a at all should be propos employees in a declining *try which is carrying a* of individuals on its pa for every man necessa industry of failing produ and which happens to be a mere £1,000 a minut which has been "carrie gut-less governments decades?

The industry's gigantic are being paid for by all as taxpayers. Is the ch seriously suggesting that citizenry, many of whom be delighted to receive l his members' present wee come, should be f mulcted?

Surely, sir, this worthy be failing over himse cooperate with his board endeavours seeking to c viable industry, perhaps quarter the size of this g giant, and which would existing employees u usefully re-trained?

Yours faithfully,
A. F. LILLEY,
Kingsdown Park House,
Tankerton,
Kent.
January 13.

Fuel cost adjustment

From Mr R. W. Orson

Sir, As the Price Commis *report on electricity doe* on the whole raise conte issues, it is not surprising it received little covera your Business News. I however, disappointed tha did not include the co sion's statement that "it port comments favourabl the efficiency with whic industry meets consume mand . . ."

You did include the that the fuel cost adjust system "could also be a venient way of passing on which might otherwise be ously challenged". The "could" needs to be str emphasized, because the mission did not find that used in this way.

Yours faithfully,
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January 10.

Viewdata inventor joins Insac

Mr Sam Fedida, head of the computer and mathematics division of the Post Office Research Centre, Martlesham, is joining Insac Data Systems, the National Enterprise Board's subsidiary, on February 1 as a consultant.

Best known as the inventor *of the Post Office's Viewdata* system, which links telephone and television to provide a dial-up information service, Mr Fedida will help Insac to develop its strategies and plans for entering the worldwide market for information systems.

Insac believes that this market will form the basis for significant exports of British software and systems. While working for the NEB subsidiary, Mr Fedida will retain close links with the Post Office.

Mr John Pearce, Insac managing director, said yesterday that information systems, including Viewdata, formed one of four main market areas for software products on which Insac was now concentrating. *The other three were computer* system software, applications packages, and communications.

"We're looking for significant new products in those four areas", he said. "I expect to see developments in all four over the next three to six months." Insac would either acquire existing products, or let contracts for the development of new ones.

Viewdata - type information systems would develop in three ways. Mr Pearce said: for residential use, for closed user-*groups, and as general-purpose* information systems for large organizations.

Computer news

Meanwhile, one of Insac's member - companies, Systime, the Leeds-based minicomputer systems company, has reported a 1977 turnover of £4.2m (from £2.8m in 1976) and profits of £476,305. Export sales during the year rose from £40,091 to £627,582.

It was during 1977 that the National Enterprise Board acquired 26 per cent of Systime's share capital and set up a £700,000 loan facility. Mr John Parkinson, Systime chairman, describes this deal as "the most appropriate method of providing finance for continued growth".

In general, Mr *Parkinson* comments, the NEB approach is aimed at building up centres of expertise in the key growth areas and allowing individual companies to expand from a firm financial base, rather than attempting a grand merger of the main companies.

Insac's other three member-firms, in which the NEB holds equity stakes, are Computer Analysts & Programmers, SPL International, and Systems Designers.

US imports increasing

British purchases of American computer and peripheral equipment will reach $1.200m (over £600m) by 1930, an in*crease of 70 per cent over the* total for 1975, Mr Charles Shaw, director of the United States Trade Centre in Lo said yesterday.

He was speaking at the ing of an exhibition of A *can mini and microcom* equipment which continue the centre until this Fr The exhibition was opene Mr Frank Weil, Assistant S tary to the United States partment of Commerce, I try and Trade Administra

Offshoot for Logica

Logica, the London soft and systems house, has se a subsidiary company to ma manufacture and support hardware products.

Known as Logica Systems, it will handle t main product lines: a teleg and telex message-switc computer; a new "intelli visual display unit; *Logica's* established mo related data communicat products.

The new company is he by Mr Bob Michaelson, merly sales manager of Log systems engineering group

Data heads expansio

Data Recording Heads, of the three operating sidiaries of Data Recor Instrument Company, is to up a new factory at Pen near Falmouth, Cornwall.

DRH claims to be the lar manufacturer in Europe digital recording heads (t in tape and disc-based c puter data storage units, dispensers, credit-card rea and instrumentation).

Kenneth Ov

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Alcan comes to the market

iew of the 15p a share dividend promise
n Alcan Aluminium (UK), it is a virtual
ainty that loan stock holders will convert
equity in May and that Alcan will
eby acquire a listing on the stock
ket. In its own right this will be an
ortant event. Taking the convertible at
night's closing price of 140p the com-
y would be capitalized at £64m, and the
ority holders would have 22 per cent
e equity, worth some £14m.

ore widely, the decision by Alcan to
urage conversion is an indication of its
re, shared by other North American
ips—notably Rheem International and
gheny Ludlum in their recent forays
the United Kingdom market—for there
e a significant indigenous shareholding
eir subsidiaries.

ican's record is by no means attractive,
ever. It has made losses in four years
ng the present decade. But by delaying
iming of its dividend payment until
it should have ensured the shares a
thy enough launch. A feature of the
inium industry is its high operational
ing which means that profits can grow
rapidly when smelters are running at
capacity levels, as they have been in
past year or two. In this respect Alcan's
rience closely parallels that of British
inium, its £4.5m loss in 1975 translat-
into a £10m profit in 1976 and £24.5m
ear.

the domestic economy proves as strong
pected later this year, these most recent
es should be sustainable, in which case
present indicated price of 140p a share,
a yield of 10.7 per cent and an earnings
iple of just over 5, looks to be an
ly cautious rating. The degree of risk
clearly be high, however, and the
lend cover of 2.8 times is perhaps no
than appropriate in view of the cyclical
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tor distributors

hcape hedges bets

cape is adamant that it will not use the
ession to import Toyota cars it has
ired with its agreed £10½m bid for
& Clarke to push into British Leyland's
et share. It has underlined its intention
utting the new company into the Anglo-
subsidiary rather than into Mann
ton, its existing motor trading sub-
ry, but Inchcape is joining a growing
l in taking a second string to its bow.
th some 9 per cent of Leyland's market
in the United Kingdom, Mann Egerton
lnerable to the state-owned company's



Inchcape : chairman of Inchcape.

singly shaky future. Leyland's share
home market dropped from 27 per
o 24 per cent last year, with an 8.7
nt fall in its output, while Ford and
nporters, particularly Datsun, were
sing theirs.

result distributors have been hedging
bets. Kenning has taken Peugeot and
er dealerships, Henlys a Ford
ise in Newcastle and Wadham
r a Ford outlet in Liverpool.

cape's chosen road is far from cheap,
ong on potential. Pride & Clarke, at
sh alternative bid price of 525p is
taken out on a fully taxed estimated
io for the year to last Sepember of
at more than twice asset value even
aking into account a 1976 property
uation (although the effective price
reduced by around £1m of assets
The attraction is the franchise.
is the third biggest car manufacturer
world, yet in the United Kingdom
whose market share increased from
5.4 per cent to 6.2 per cent last year, is the leading importer.

From now on Datsun is going to find it increasingly difficult to make further gains. Its share is still too small to interest the major distributorships who rely on fleet sales, and it is at least partially restricted by political factors. Toyota has a new model range and has recently been showing itself increasingly aggressive at gaining United Kingdom market share. The answer will be to attack Datsun and the EEC imports.

Success is far from assured but Inchcape has had considerable success in marketing Toyota cars abroad, especially in Hongkong and has its expertise in the United Kingdom market to draw on as well.

● *The alchemists' search for the means of creating gold was half-hearted compared with the continuing attempt to interpret the stock market in broader terms than "underlying trends" or "special situations".*

The mythology surrounding this attempt usually surfaces in such catch-phrases as "sell in May and go away" or "year-end rally". The purist answer to such ideas is generally along the lines of the "perfect market" approach which would exclude the possibility of mere calendar considerations impinging on share prices.

Stockbrokers Kemp-Gee have decided to investigate. They have worked out a seasonal pattern for shares along the same lines as the "seasonal adjustment" that is applied to statistics like employment figures. Old hands will be pleased to hear that the results seem to confirm both the above catch-phrases.

In fact their chart shows an astonishingly pronounced seasonal strength in the run-up from January to May followed by a decline to the year end. The brokers are anxious to point out that the evidence is "by no means overwhelming" and a strong underlying trend in opposing directions could easily wipe out the seasonal chart movements. However, it does, for the time being, back up Kemp-Gee's general view of a run-up to 550-600 for the FT Ordinary Share Index to May followed by a bear market.

The Wellcome Foundation

The question of gearing

As one of the United Kingdom's top three private companies with a charitable trust as the sole shareholder to boot, The Wellcome Foundation is denied access to many of the normal sources of fresh capital, like the stock market, that public companies can tap. But the group is presently going through money which makes other pharmeutical groups like Beecham, Glaxo, Fisons or Boots look almost like Scrooges and raises the question of how long it can continue spending at this rate before becoming hopelessly over-geared.

The latest accounts for the year to last August show that Wellcome's cash flow was only £25m compared with capital spending of £21m and research and development (admittedly written off profits) of £29m. So instead of being the cash-generating machines that Beecham and Glazo now appear, Wellcome is a cash-hungry pharmaceutical concern which, for example, had to borrow $21½m in the United States last year to fund its requirements.

The crux of the problem appears to lie in the high level of R D spending. This is currently running at almost two-fifths of pre-tax profits compared with the one-fifth average for the rest of the sector, although the proportion of turnover is not out of line with the 8-10 per cent rule of thumb elsewhere.

Balance sheet gearing at around 43 per cent (including short-term deposits) is not so far out of step with the 30 per cent of other pharmacuetical groups. But retained profits are nowhere near sufficient to keep up the current level of outgoings. The latest balance sheet has been given a helping hand by a scrip issue which has boosted issued capital from £30m to £50m while much of the rapid rise in reserves over the past five years has stemmed from &property revaluations which added £28m alone in 1975

With profits this year under the sterling cloud, the group is plainly giving much thought to its longer-term funding requirements but there seems little chance it will want to sell any shares to the public to raise new money. Wellcome doesn't work along those lines.

Bill Sirs, chairman of the TUC's steel industry committee, talks to Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, about the BSC's problems

Who pulls the irons out of the fire?

Amid all the fuss about just how appalling are British Steel's losses, and how far inquisitive MPs should be in the know, scant public attention has been paid to those who will bear the real brunt of retrenchment—the workers.

Talks on ways of streamlining the industry's labour force that began last November are continuing between the corporation and the TUC Steel Industry Committee against a background of growing pressure to shed at least 25,000 jobs through closures, enhanced redundancy pay-offs and natural wastage. The unions calculate that 10,000 manual job opportunities have gone in the last year alone.

But today a fresh element enters the equation, which is a good deal more complicated than the amateur sleuths of Westminster seem to realize. It is BSC's refusal to concede 10 per cent pay rises to its 100,000 manual workers.

The unions have asked for 11½ per cent; the corporation has so far offered 6 per cent and a breakdown on the wage front will vitiate the whole job-bargaining exercise.

Bill Sirs, chairman of the TUC steel committee and general secretary of the largest union in the industry, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, has maintained a stolid Hartlepudlian silence on the shifting state of shopfloor relations with the BSC, but as the pay negotiations resume he has spoken to *The Times*.

"I am not going to be a workhorse to pull them out of their troubles unless we get some satisfaction on our objectives", he said. "We just cannot afford to have our views unheard."

British Steel has been talking to the unions for well over a year on the form that a "steel contract" between the two sides might take. The blueprint emerging is for a 100-strong Steel Council, 70 of whose members would be drawn from the unions, and a 35-member executive committee.

They are still discussing the method of appointing trade unionists to the BSC board and the working party examining the issue should report in about two months' time.

Mr Sirs, who has deputed the task of negotiating on these moves towards industrial democracy to Mr Roy Evans, the ISTC assistant general secretary, has some serious reservations about the proposed machinery for participation. A steel council of such a size could only review what had already happened, he argued; and a steel policy board would not be a "real board, only a discussion forum."

Until the working party presents its report and it is considered by the TUC steel committee and the executives of the individual unions, it would be idle to speculate on the success of the current venture. That the demand for its exists is unmistakable. "I don't see any future in the negotiations on the labour force unless we have a full say in the planning of the corporation and the investment at a very early stage. I am not going to pull their irons out of the fire. They created this situation, not us," the ISTC leader argues.

Unhappily for those on the other side of the bargaining table, the unions have long memories. The corporation's £3,000m) investment plans were given the go-ahead by a Conservative government without a word contributed by organized labour.

"Immediately, we had an outcry. There was disruption in many of the areas to be affected and from then on we have never known the sort of industrial peace we used to be able to maintain in steel. We said openly that we did not agree with the plans because we felt there should be a more balanced approach to investment", Mr Sirs said.

"The result was that action committees sprang up everywhere. The corporation was unable to put its plans into operation and by the time that some progress had been made under the Beswick review, we were approaching investment costs nearer £5 billion than three.

"We have now reached a position in the industry where we have borrowed so much money that we have got £210m in interest to repay every year before we roll a ton of steel. What we have to remember is that we are paying for units of investment that, when completed, will just stand idle because they will not be needed immediately and maybe not for a very long time."

The unions say flatly that they do not want investment the industry cannot afford, even though British Steel must modernize to keep pace with the development of new technology. "We are taking a stand that before anything is bought in the industry we should be consulted as to whether it is needed. We see no reason to spend money needlessly", Mr Sirs said.

If they get their way on pay and participation, the unions will clearly help the BSC in some of its closure proposals. "If the corporation are prepared to negotiate sensibly with our people at works level, we could get a streamlined labour force." This would come from agreed closures, natural wastage, early retirement and wage restructuring.

That will not be enough for the corporation in its present mood. Sir Charles Villiers, the BSC chairman, is looking at the industry in a "very commercial manner", according to Mr Sirs. "What he wants to do is chop off any limb he feels he can do without. They want to close down all the old plants and channel all the orders into the new works, regardless of the effect it will have."

However, the ISTC argues that because wage rates are much lower in the United Kingdom than in Europe or other steelmaking centres, British Steel can afford to carry half as many more men as the rest of the world. But where it can be shown that the order book has completely collapsed, as at Hartlepool (a particularly poignant case because it was Mr Sirs's old plant), then the unions will negotiate an early shutdown of the Beswick plants, already marked for closure with the loss of more than 10,000 jobs.

At Hartlepool, the "iron handshake" can amount to £13,000 over a period of years with a man of 30 years' service. There were exactly 100 in that category and nearly 200 more with 20 to 30 years' service. There will now be local discussions between Mr Sirs and his men at East Moors, Cardiff, and Ebbw Vale. The union also accepts that manning will have to be reduced at Llanwern and Corby.

This cooperation hinges on a satisfactory outcome to the wage issue. "If the Government are sensible, we can resolve the pay claim. There may be some difficult bargaining, but if they are sensible and not obstructive, trying to take a hard line like that presented to the firemen, successful negotiations could bring about a change in the industry that is desired, moving from an industry with some degree of overmanning in some areas to an industry that has none at all."

Unlike the anxious parliamentarians, the unions have been aware for many months of the worsening financial position of their industry. Their participation in the European Coal and Steel Community ensures that and the MPs are likely to get short shrift from this quarter. "If the select committee want the plans of the corporation even before the unions have them, it isn't on", Mr Sirs concluded. "It's our industry, not theirs."

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Mr Bill Sirs: cooperation with the steel corporation's plans only on the right terms.

Cold winds blow across Turkey

Turkey's manufacturing industry, for long a growing sector of the economy, faces severe cutbacks which could have a serious impact on the country's rapidly expanding cities.

Leading businessmen argue that a chronic shortage of foreign exchange, far outstripped by a $3,000m gap between imports and exports, together with a continuing energy crisis, will soon mean harsh measures, such as factory closures, unless drastic action is taken.

A new government under Mr Bulent Ecevit has promised to make the economy one of its top priorities, but even Mr Ecevit accepts that it will take time to put matters right. He gave warning that "for a period we will have to live through hard times".

For months the industrial sector has been obliged to take expensive action to keep its wheels turning as its supplies of raw materials and essential equipment dry up. Companies whose factories rely on imports —from iron ore to machine tools—have built up stocks to last them for up to six months.

With payments for all but the most essential imports, such as oil, halted by the central bank since last February, and foreign suppliers reluctant to extend further credit, companies have to resort to "double financing". This means paying for products with money kept abroad, while at the same time depositing Turkish lira at the central bank to obtain import licences.

That system spills over into black market dealings inside Turkey, forcing the value of the lira down from an official 19.25 to the American dollar to a present rate of about 27.

Finished products, particularly cars, are also subject to a black market, fetching far more than the fixed price set by the government—a situation which the industry argues robs both manufacturers of profits and the finance ministry of revenue from turnover taxes.

Electricity cuts, resulting from a power shortage, have also tended to hold back industrial production and many factories are now running below capacity—which is again expensive.

"We are fast getting to the breaking point", said Mr Rahmi Koc, a leading industrialist, whose enterprises cover almost all aspects of Turkish manufacturing from cars to ballpoint pens. "We are going to have to take strict measures."

For the man in the street the main impact has been rising prices, coupled with shortages of some essential items, such as bottled gas and building materials. Some of the price rises resulted from government austerity measures introduced in September—which some economists have criticized as inadequate—but market forces have also had an effect.

Inflation is officially put at over 34 per cent for the past year in Istanbul, but it is almost certainly higher, as the calculations do not include such soaring items as rents.

Workers' efforts to keep their incomes level with inflation have led to strikes, particularly in the metal industry, while industry has responded with lock-outs and both have increased the problem of shortages.

The old government announced just before it left power that it was virtually doubling the minimum wage to 3,300 lira (about £95) a month.

While those in work try for better conditions—not only in wages but job security—many others can find no real employment at all. Mr Sadik Side, secretary-general of the relatively right-wing trade union organization Turk-Is, estimates that about 2.5 million people are out of work in a labour force of about 16 million. He expects the figures to rise during the winter.

As more and more people flock to the cities, the long-used safety valve of Turkish men going to Europe for jobs has shrunk in recent years along with recession. At the same time those workers in hard currency areas, such as West Germany, are reluctant to send their earnings back into a shaky economic zone.

Advisers close to Mr Ecevit have suggested that Turkey should invest in what one official called "foreign exchange earning activities" and aim at a restructuring of the whole economy. But such changes take a long time—the estimate was 10 years—and even with the optimism which the Ecevit government has brought it still looks like a hard winter.

Jeremy Toye
Reuter

The Wellcome Foundation Limited

Report for the year ended 27 August 1977

	1976-7	1975-6
Capital employed	£215,400,000	£180,800,000
Group Sales	£341,800,000	£290,200,000
Profit before tax	£46,400,000	£41,400,000
Profit after tax and before extraordinary items	£21,900,000	£19,800,000
Expenditure on research and development	£29,000,000	£23,100,000

"Total group sales were £342 million, an increase of 18% on the previous year", says Mr A. J. Sheppard, Chairman of The Wellcome Foundation Limited, in his annual review. "Group profits before taxation increased from £41¼ million to £46½ million and net attributable profits from £20 million to £21¼ million.

"Exports from the United Kingdom at £73 million show an increase of more than 44% on the previous year and a growth of 66% in the last two years. This improvement has come about from efforts made to find new outlets for our products which have shown a high level of acceptability in established markets.

"Governments all over the world are reluctant and slow to grant increases in the price of ethical medicines. Almost by definition this permits cost inflation to overtake price inflation. In a number of countries, the acknowledgement of cost inflation is so inadequate that margins are under constant attack.

"Capital investment within the group amounted to £21 million. We attach great importance to capital expenditure within the United Kingdom. This has absorbed £10 million in the last year. At the same time we must maintain and improve our assets in overseas territories.

"During the year a privately placed loan was arranged in the United States by our American company. The proceeds of this loan, $21½ million, are generally available for deployment within the group. The group's net assets have now risen to £151 million and the total capital employed to £215 million.

"The improvement in trading does not stem from movements in exchange rates, the effect of which in this respect was negligible.

"We are optimistic about the future but a beneficial one will only come by a sustained application at all levels in all the various functions in the group."

The Wellcome Foundation Limited is an international group of pharmaceutical and chemical companies with headquarters in the United Kingdom. Under the will of Sir Henry Wellcome, all distributions received by the trustees who are the sole shareholders are applied by them to the support of medical and veterinary research in universities and hospitals throughout the world.

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Under the new arrangements Gardner will operate from London but Maiden will be based at the Bircham Newton training centre, near King's Lynn. This, it is claimed, will save on expensive London staff and space.

Rather liked the note in the Burton Group accounts yesterday about "widening the customer base". They own the Evans Outsizes chain.

■ The sagging dollar is creating a housekeeping problem for the International Air Transport Association, the beleaguered trade body of 107 world airlines. They have their main headquarters in Geneva, but as they receive most of their income in the American currency but pay their own bills in Swiss francs, it looks as if they are going to be about £1.5m short of budget this year.

The Iata budget was decided by the airlines at their annual meeting in Madrid in November last year, but since then the value of the dollar against the Swiss franc has fallen by 20 per cent.

One solution which is being canvassed in the industry is to move the head office otu of Geneva to somewhere less expensive—London, perhaps. At least, it would not be so far to go to lobby for lower fares.



The Prime Minister, Jack Jones and Len Murray: the Festival of Clout?

Those who believe that Britain is a corporate state (even though the trains do not run on time) are likely to find fresh "evidence" for their hypothesis in an interesting union festival to be held in London next month.

There is to be a day-long shindig at the Royal Festival Hall on February 20 to say goodbye to Jack Jones, the retiring general secretary of Britain's largest union, the Transport and General. It will also say hello to his successor, Moss Evans, and welcome to Evans's inheritance, a record two million membership.

Jones, the chief architect of the social contract, will be there in person to receive in the afternoon the tributes not only of his members but of many others, including the Prime Minister and Len Murray.

The 2,600 T and G members expected will first of all have a morning's entertainment. This will take their thoughts away from the pay restraint that the PM required and Jones as much as anybody delivered.

■ There cannot be many ballet dancers on the boards of chemical companies, or any other industrial company for that matter, so that makes the former Monica Mallory someone rather special.

The former Royal Ballet dancer, now Lady Plurenden, is to sit on the boards of all the companies in the unquoted Sterling Group founded and controlled by her husband, who died earlier this month.

Lord Plurenden, the former Sir Rudy Sternberg, was an intimate of Sir Harold Wilson, through whose patronage Sir Rudy was given a life peerage in 1975.

A refugee from Nazi Germany, Lord Plurenden built up the Sterling Group out of a thriving chemicals import-export business with Eastern Europe. He smoothed the way for Sir Harold in the former Prime Minister's many visits behind the Iron Curtain and contributed to the running of Sir Harold's political office when Labour was in opposition.

Lady Plurenden let it be known yesterday that the activities of the group will "continue exactly as Lord Plurenden had planned".

She will not, however, be replacing her late husband as chairman. That job falls to Philip Lait, chairman and managing director of his own import/export firm and a colleague of Lord Plurenden on the board of the MFI furniture retailing group.

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Carter blunders point to impotence

Dollar's dangerous ride on the big dipper

At the end of December 1977 all the signs were that the dollar, which had lost 11 per cent against the Deutschemark and 10 per cent against the yen since July, would continue its slide. But few could have expected it to fall quite as fast as it did in the first few days of the new year, not only against the Deutschemark (up from 2.15 to 2.05 to the dollar) but also against sterling (from $1.92 to nearly $2) and even the franc (from 4.75 to 4.61 to the dollar).

Its subsequent rise was no less astonishing, and even more abrupt than its fall. On January 5 alone, it regained some 5 per cent against the Deutschemark, thus wiping out virtually all its losses. Only the yen remained relatively stable at about 240 to the dollar.

Such violent movements call for some examination. While the dollar was being allowed to continue its steady decline, it was possible to accept that there was a degree of wilful negligence—far from benign, as the Americans would have one believe but undoubtedly and predominantly malignant, a convenient device whereby the trade deficit could be reduced either directly (by its effect on imports), or indirectly (through the reactions of their severely embarrassed Japanese and West German partners). This manoeuvre, although outstripped by events from time to time, was generally kept under control.

The same cannot be said, however, of the most recent adventures, which have left the impression, not of negligence, but of impotence and hence profound uncertainty. As we enter the new year, this is the most worrying aspect for all those who stand to suffer the consequences, from the most lowly exporting company, through its profit margins, to whole economies through their trade balances and interest rates.

Governments and the business world have admittedly already experienced huge falls in the dollar's exchange value followed by equally large rises in recent years, notably in 1973, so that they have had an opportunity to get accustomed to them, steel their nerves and react more prudently; but the movements over recent weeks have been much more abrupt. The ups and downs have gathered momentum as on a big dipper, the favoured form of fairground entertainment of those who prefer maximum excitement.

It is dangerous to play such games with exchange rates, however. What is needed is a serious approach, backed by the necessary means of action. As matters stand the most powerful nation in the world would appear to lack the organization at the top to conduct its affairs efficiently.

Indeed, apart from the "objective" factors which have accounted or at least created the conditions for the dollar's fall (trade deficit and surplus dollars), there is no getting away from the succession of blunders made by President Carter's team in their efforts to establish themselves as credible economic managers capable of coming to grips with the short term and making progress towards the medium-term objectives on the basis of which he was elected.

It is hoped that the President will quickly manage to regain control of events, at last laying down a coherent and credible policy, and that the statement he made recently in Paris about sustaining the dollar does not turn out to be another empty phrase to add to that of December 21, but proves to be a mark of his determination to see a change.

The first benefits of this could be felt by the United States itself, a country currently in the paradoxical position of having achieved an enviable growth rate (5 per cent) and kept inflation down to only 6.5 per cent during 1977, only to see the collapse of prices on Wall Street and the dissipation of business confidence. But the main advantages of a firmer dollar will benefit the other countries, which have been deprived of reliable reference points on which to plot their monetary and economic courses.

Maurice Bommensath

THE ECONOMY

	Growth (per cent) industrial production (1)	Investment (2)	Wage increases (per cent) (1)	Budget deficit— (3, 4)	Stability trade balance (2, 4)	Inflation rate per cent (1)
United States	2.5	7	8.8	—3.3 (—62)	—2 (—3.1)	4.5
West Germany	3	4	7	—3.5 (—42)	+3.8 (+3.86)	1
France	—3	1	12	—1 (—16)	—1.4 (—1.8)	8.5
Great Britain	—1	6	5	—5.5 (—7)	—1 (—0.1)	6
Italy	—6	2	23	—11 (19000)	—0.8 (—120)	14

(1) Three month average expressed as annual rate.
(2) Estimate for 1977.
(3) Estimate for fiscal 1977-78.
(4) As percentage of gnp and in national currency (000m).

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS

	Annual growth per cent in money supply (M1) (5)	Day to Day	Prime rate	Against the dollar (6)	Against basket of 6 currencies (7)	Change in stock exchange per cent index (8)
Dollar	5.6 (7)	6.7	8	—	96.8 (97.9)	—3 (—17)
Deutschemark	14 (9)	3.2	6	2.12 (+3)	118.9 (117.2)	+2 (+9)
Franc	11 (8)	8.9	9.3	4.71 (+2.5)	91.7 (90.8)	—4 (—9)
Pound	16 (19)	7	6.5	1.93 (+4)	90.6 (88.2)	+3 (+23)
Lira	(21)	11	17	868 (—1.8)	75.6 (76.1)	—1 (—21)

(5) Three months average expressed at annual rate, figures in brackets % change over a year.
(6) Figures in parentheses give percentage change in last month.
(7) End December 1975=100. Figure in parentheses gives position last month. Currencies are five listed in table plus Japanese yen.
(8) Change in previous month. Figure in parentheses gives change over previous 12 months.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Rally after trade news disappoints

Both equities and gilts were making up lost ground in late trading after being knocked by December trade figures which were well below most market estimates.

The £80m visible deficit compared with hopes of a surplus of up to £200m with the result that the *FT* Index, 4.5 off at 3 pm, closed 6.7 lower at 474.2 after a widespread mark down. But after further consideration of the statement, especially the oil content of imports, most dealers felt that the initial reaction was overdone and after hours trading was characterised by small demand.

After a firm start there was a similarly nervous pattern in gilts. Once the trade news was out and worst fears confirmed prices were marked down by around three-eighths at the longer-end of the range.

Dealers said that some loose stock then came out but was re-sold by jobbers within a matter of minutes. Prices then came a quarter of a point off the bottom leaving most stocks a net three-eighths lower on the day. Shorter dates also closed above the worst with falls of around a quarter.

Stores were a weak spot yesterday with shares registering falls of up to 8p.

The sector drifted lower in the morning ahead of the December retail sales figures which, at 3.2 per cent above the November level, were much in line with expectations. In patchy trading GUS 'A' shed 8p to 290p, Boots ended 5p lower at 217p and Allied Retailers fell a similar amount to 180p. British Home Stores at 208p, House of Fraser at 134p and Marks & Spencer at 152p slipped two or three pence.

However with the forecast increase in consumer spending some brokers expect the shares in this sector to have a good run up to the Budget.

Those who thought UDT's sale last month of its 25.5 per cent stake in Henry Wigfall effectively ended takeover speculation in the electrical retailer could be in for a surprise. Though no purchaser ended up with more than two per cent of the shares jobbers report a renewed flurry of interest which boosted the shares 8p to 163p and put them in the list of active counters.

The mail order houses, whose season peaks in November and are therefore not so affected by the December figures, fell in sympathy leaving Freemans down 2p at 268p and Grattan Warehouses a penny off at 140p. Empire Stores (Bradford) lost 3p to 175p.

Dixon's Photographic shed a further 3p to 157p ahead of Thursday's results. Many analysts have been downgrading their forecasts, but Mr John Green, of brokers, McAnally, Montgomery is confident that the group will make up some of the lost ground in the second-half leaving profits for the year to April 30, 1978, at around £10m, against a previous £8.7m.

On the bid front Pride & Clarke shot up 255p to 515p on news of a bid from Inchcape, valued at 525p a share. The stock had been suspended at 260p last Friday.

Terms for London Pavilion pushed the shares up to to a high of £4 giving them a premium of 50p over the bid price while Piccadilly Theatre added 6p to 86p on the back of this rise. Fading hopes of improved terms at Madame Tussauds melted 3½p from the share price which ended the day at 60p.

An announcement that bid talks were in progress at Liner Concrete, one of the day's active stocks, added 8p to shares at 38p. Although Ferguson Industrial has a near 30 per cent stake in Liner there is some talk of another suitor hoping to pick up this holding.

Following speculative rises last week International Timber went 4p down to 127p and Glynwed slipped a penny to 105p.

Of the companies reporting, buoyant figures from Braid Group hoisted the shares 3p to 43½p while J. B. Eastwood, at 98p, lost 8p on poor figures and a pessimistic forecast.

Of the "blue chips" double figure losses were recorded by Glaxo 10p to 583p and Metal Box 10p to 300p. Though many of the prices edged ahead a penny or two after hours at the official close ICI were 6p off at 334p, Unilever a similar amount down to 520p and BAT Industries 5p lower at 270p. But there was a firm showing from Courtaulds which held firm at 119p just a penny off.

Over on the engineering pitch compensation hopes and a background of good contracts lifted Vosper 7p to 157p while another firm counter was to be found in John Brown which was boosted 6p to 239p by some favourable weekend comment.

There was more than average interest in electrical shares. ICL continued to benefit from its recent review gaining another 8p to 264p, but Thorn continued to reflect the disappointment at last week's figures by losing another 10p to 352p. In some sympathy with this Decca slipped 10p to 465p but R & G Crossland spurted 8½p to 37p on news of an approach.

The Vickers fuss should not be allowed to obscure the compensation scope in Vosper. Against the trend the shares rose 7p to 157p, making a 21p gain so far this month, and a new 1977-78 peak. Even so, the group's market value of £8.8m compares with the £8m of yearly profits the booming nationalized business is making, and the £25m plus value put on that business by the directors. Compensation could be £16m less than this and still leave the shares looking good, whatever worth the Singapore assets not taken over are deemed to possess. There may be some compensation news in March.

Continuing nervousness in the food sector attracted small selling to second-line stocks like Hillards, which fell 6p to 224p, Linfood which ended 4p lower at 158p, and Nurdin & Peacock which slipped 4p to 100p. Gloomy trading statements hit Allied Colloids to the tune of 12p to 69p, Howard Shuttering, which dipped 7p to 99p. But both motor dealers Braid Group up 2½p to 42½p and Spencer Clark 4p to 35p drew strength from their respective statements.

Hopes of conversion soon lifted Alcan 9 per cent 1989-94 by £27 to £142. Consolidated Gold Fields continued to be a good market on the strength of the metal price and currency uncertainty gaining 12p to 198p while De La Rue closed at 273p after the first day's trading in its split form.

The usual crop of shares to benefit from weekend comment included Harris Lebus, up 6p to 63p, with gains of 3p to 5p from Restmor at 139p, and Associated Engineering at 124p.

Oils tended to soften with BP ending a couple of points lower at 808p and Shell 5p off to 510p.

In the financial sector the clearing banks attracted little interest and all ended with losses of 3p. Lloyds closed at 288p, Midland 388p, National Westminster 288p and Barclays 338p. A firm feature here was to be found in ANX Group which closed eight points better at 245p after news of a scrip. Properties tended firmer as the day progressed but shares which did not recover from their early levels were Great Portland at 320p and Land Securities at 220p, both 4p off.

News of £2m worth of orders booked at the Furniture Show did little for Silentnight which ended at 84p. Newman Industries eased a penny to 69p after news of two sales worth in total around £1m to cut bank indebtedness.

The purchase of an electrical engineering company through a share issue centred interest on Fairbairn Lawson. The shares rose 5p to 60p before easing back to close at 58p.

Despite news that Raybeck had reduced its 9.7 per cent stake in Levex to 4.2 per cent, Levex closed unchanged at 17½p.

Stock jobbers, Akroyd & Smithers also ended unchanged at 232p. After the close the group announced that it is to restart dealings in gold shares later this year.

London Sumatra shares jumped 11p to 91p yesterday on speculation that Harrisons & Crosfield will be forced into an early bid for the outstanding 61 per cent of the equity following the recent raids in other companies in its empire. What sparked the buying was the fact that a group, including McLeod Russel, has built its stake in Harcros to 11.9 per cent even though H & C is bidding for it. The group also paid more a share than Harrisons is offering.

Equity turnover on January 13 was £80.42m (14,636 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Shell, Allied Colloids, Beecham, EMI, GEC, Metal Box, Reed International Henry Wigfall, BP, JB Eastwood, John Brown, International Timber and Liner Concrete.

Bid talks at Liner, F. Evans R. Crossl

By Tony May

The growing list of c currently engaged in has been joined by th in Liner Concrete M R. & A. G. Crossl Frederick W. Evans.

The biggest potentia the approach to Liner a maker of contracto and construction equi brief statement from t said that discussions w held following an from an unnamed bid

The statement adde was too early to say v satisfactory offer will The board said that ment was being made of the recent moveme share price. This h from a plateau of 27 over last week, but ne bid talks pushed it up At this price the capitalized at about £3

The Liner board wh stake of about 15 pe the equity, promises announcement soon. T big shareholders, Fer dustrial Holdings, itself capitalized at abo at the last count had a 29.9 per cent in Li Ferguson board said th no comment to mak approach to Liner.

Last February th board said that it was that Ferguson intende its stake as a long-ter ment, and agreed tha appropriate for Line treated as an associat guson for accounting This had the effect £119,000 to pre-tax Ferguson for the six August 31, about a fif total profit at £579,500.

At the electrical equipment and pressin R. & A. G. Crossland i a bid "might or might on the way added 8½ shares to put them a a capitalization of £ April last year the big ing in the group was 27 per cent in the Astra Securities, while Investment Trust had cent.

The discussions at W. Evans, which mak mouldings, prompted to ask for the share be suspended. The p was 26p with the last being done on January

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Allied Colloids (I)	11.27(8.70)	2.36(2.08)	—(—)	0.57(0.51)	3/4	—(—)
Best & May (I)	2.86(1.22)	0.15(0.09)	3.37(2.22)	0.66(0.77)	6/3	—(2.7)
Braid Grp (F)	25.6(20.5)	0.43(0.27)	6.99(4.08)	0.94(0.84)	—	1.37(1.23)
Cray Elec (I)	4.5(4.07)	0.21(0.21)	1.02(1.49)	0.51(0.5)	12/4	—(1.3)
J B Eastwood (I)	77.8(72.3)	3.00(4.47)	11.15(18.08)	2.0(—)	17/3	—(3.8)
Everards Brwy (F)	9.8(8.4)	0.86(0.72)	18.84(15.39)	1.63(1.46)	—	3.26(2.92)
Gt Nthn In Tst (F)	—(—)	1.97(1.76)	3.95(3.53)	2.72(2.37)	23/3	3.87(3.45)
Howrd Shtrng (I)	1.73(1.34)	0.11(0.20)	2.0(3.4)	0.85(0.77)	6/3	—(1.5)
Meggitt Hldgs (F)	4.58(3.57)	0.19(0.15)	2.03(1.81)	0.2(0.17)	4/4	0.39(0.35)
Melody Mills (I)	3.30(2.76)	0.17(0.25)	4.8(6.9)	—(—)	—	—(2.9)
Petaling Tin (F)	—(—)	10.37a (7.22a)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Pitman (I)	12.05(11.39)	0.99(0.89)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Spencer Clark (F)	4.70(4.09)	0.30(0.31)	—(—)	1.43(1.26)	2/4	2.39(2.14)
Restmor Grp (I)	3.44(2.77)	0.44(0.36)	—(—)	0.82(0.81)	10/3	—(—)
Wellman Eng (I)	—(—)	0.54(0.47)	2.30(2.05)	1.15(1.04)	10/1	—(2.1)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Ringgits.

Coffee exports

Jakarta, Jan 11.—Indo appointed 275 coffee who export coffee. Exports handled only by nationa ies which are registered traders and have identification numbers.

Fresh Harcros stake jolt for Harrisons

Harrisons & Crosfield's embatttled empire received another jolt yesterday when it was disclosed that McLeod Russel, Hume Holdings and Rothschild Investment Trust had built up a stake of 11.9 per cent of Harcros, for which H & C has already launched a bid.

The three companies added to their joint holding by purchasing 400,000 shares at an average price of 84p a share compared with T H & C's revised bid of 82p cash.

Yesterday the three companies said they were reviewing their position.

McLeod Russel recently bid for another company in the H&C camp—Malayalam—but, having built up a holding of just short of 30 per cent compared with the 23 per cent held by H & C and associates, has remained silent since H & C made its most recent counter offer.

H & C was forced into the bid for Harcros since it held directly and indirectly only 22 per cent (subsequently raised to 30.4 per cent), while Harcros holds a strategic position in the network of cross holdings in the H & C empire.

Airfix plans £5m expansion

The next stage of Airfix Industries' expansion is being financed by a £5m line of credit negotiated with Barclays Merchant Bank. This 10-year facility "has been arranged on competitive terms after the evaluation of various offers of finance.

The group has been through a rough patch with lower profits for the six months to September 30 while last month saw the receiver being called in to the Tri-ang Pedigree group which was three-quarters owned by Airfix.

Mr Ralph Ehrmann, the Airfix chairman, plans to expand the non-toy side—where profits are nearing £1m, and the overseas toy activities. He wants a 50-50 split on activities. A new factory for the Meccano and Dinky Toy products is also planned.

Jardine reshapes UK broking interests

Jardine Matheson has regrouped its UK insurance broking interests under a new operating company, Jardine Matheson Insurance Brokers.

Mr Simon Keswick, a main board director, has been appointed chairman of the new company while the joint deputy chairman and managing director is Mr D. G. Lyon. Mr Lyon remains chairman of Thompson Graham & Co, the reinsurance company which Jardine took over last year.

Forward Trust up 42 pc to £14.3m

Forward Trust, the finance house subsidiary of the Midland Bank, raised its profits by 42 per cent to a record £14.3m in the year to end October.

The higher profits are attributed by Mr John Cave, chairman, to greater turnover, a lower level of bad debts and improved efficiency in dealing with expanding new business levels. But a further important factor has been the decline in interest rates.

Turnover for new instalment finance at £247m was 45 per cent up on the previous year, reflecting enlarged market share. The balance sheet total rose from £250m to £338m.

Amax sets asie as much as $81m

Amax has maintained its quarterly dividend of 43¾ cents a share, but it is to make a net $81m provision, equivalent to $2.50 a share, against the remaining investments in Africa—Botswana RST and Roan Consolidated Mines Amax's earnings a share for 1977 are unlikely to be as much as $3.50.

The group's investment in RCM is to be reduced from $34.9m to $4.3m, its quoted market value at the end of last year. The total write-down includes Amax's investment in BRST equity and subordinated indebtedness of $91.7m. Amax states that it "plans to continue to make significant cash advances" to BRST if necessary.

LLOYDS & SCOTTISH

Group in good shape to deal with any difficulties which might arise, and poised to take advantage of opportunities.

PEACHEY PROPERTY

Allied London Properties sold 500,000 shares on January 4, reducing its holding to below 5 per cent.

Akroyd to trade gold shares again

By Alison Mitchell

Stock jobbers Akroyd & Smithers are to start trading in South African gold shares again in April. The decision follows the recent relaxation of exchange control regulations, which took the 25 per cent surrender off dollar premium stocks.

Director Mr Tim Nixon said that dealings would initially be in the 15 leading stocks but it was hoped to expand into other shares at a later date.

Akroyd will become the second London jobbing firm to deal in these stocks and last night Smith Brothers, which has continued to trade in gold shares, welcomed the news. "Increased competition enlarges the market and the addition of another jobber will be a helpful factor", they said.

Akroyd also notified The Stock Exchange yesterday that the directors, including chairman Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, have sold about 165,800 shares.

Mr Nixon told Business News that, because of the current legislation which prevents directors selling shares for most of the year, the board were taking advantage of one of the two periods allowed annually to sell part of their stakes.

The annual report and accounts show that last year the chairman reduced his beneficial holding from 193,800 to 143,800. He has now sold a further 43,800.

Burton set for 'modest' profit

Burton Group, the menswear retailer and property manager, reports that cumulative sales for the first 17 weeks of the year to August 27 are 7 per cent above the corresponding period last year and, if businesses sold or closed during the reorganization programme are excluded, the sales increase is 11 per cent.

Pre-tax losses last year amounted to £5.08m or £13.63m at the attributable level but the chairman, Mr Ladislas Rice, tells shareholders in his annual report that "if present sales trends continue, we anticipate a modest profit in the first half-year".

Bigger market share helps Braid leap 45 pc

By Ray Maugham

Free of the excess profits problem of 1976 and with the help of increased market penetration, Braid Group has offset the problem of product shortage and hoisted pre-tax profits by 45 per cent to £915,000 in the year ended September 30.

The requirement of the Price Code forced this Chester-based Vauxhall distributor to cut profits in the previous year by £182,000, so the resultant rate of growth is less emphatic than it first appears. However, Braid has performed better than the chairman, Mr D. C. Bamford, indicated last August, when he forecast second-half profits at least equal to those of the October-March period. That would have given Braid around £800,000 at the pre-tax level and the consequent improvement appears to have been achieved across the board.

What Braid and other distributors lacked and continue to lack is an adequate supply of vehicles. And, while the buffer stocking discounts have ceased after the new franchise agreements were introduced, marketing bonus terms remain onerous. It seems that Braid has succeeded by carving out a greater share of the market than might be presumed by Vauxhall's 11 per cent penetration of the national car market.

The shares climbed 3p to 43½p yesterday where the p/e of stated earnings is around 6. This compares with an exit p/e of 14 at Toyota distributor Pride & Clarke. But the prospects for the remaining independent groups must be limited to extent by which they can win market share from one another while the supply of product remains poor.

A final dividend of 1.432p raises the gross total from 1.89762p to 2.0874p per share where the yield is 4.8 per cent.

Milling rates at Barlow Rand drop sharply

By Desmond Quigley

Milling rates at Barlow Rand's gold mining dropped substantially in the December quarter, compared with the previous three months.

As a result gold working profits fell from R8.06m to R7.35m. The mine produced 66,329 kilograms of uranium oxide, but again there were no sales of uranium during the quarter with a result that there was a working loss of R569,000. Net profit of the mine dropped from R5.21m in the September quarter to R4.49m.

The two marginal mines—East Rand Proprietary and Durban Roodepoort Deep—reduced working losses, and after state assistance, East Rand made a net profit of R1.97m against R228,000, while Durban made a net profit of R771,000 against a loss of R674,000.

Strength of pound hits Colloids

By Victor Felstead

Its particular vulnerability to the strength or weakness of the pound in foreign exchange markets is illustrated by the latest half-time figures from Bradford-based Allied Colloids, the industrial chemicals group, which exports three-quarters of its production.

In the half-year to October 1, turnover was 29.5 per cent up at £11.27m. But pre-tax profits rose by less than half this—by only 13 per cent to £2.36m. On a pre-tax basis, margins contracted from 24 to about 21 per cent.

Shareholders however do benefit with the interim payment, gross, rising from 0.79p (adjusted) to 0.87p.

The market's reaction to the figures was severe—the shares fell by 12p to 70p. Allied's board explained that with such a high proportion of output being exported, profitability is being affected by the increasing strength of sterling. This, coupled with the depressed state of world trade, makes it very difficult for the directors to forecast the year's results. But, on their present information, profits are likely to be in line with 1976-77.

Pre-tax profits for last year were nearly £5m, a record, and more than double the previous year. As Allied has been a growth stock for some while this marking-time in profit expansion is viewed with some concern by dealers. If the current year's result is about the same as last time, it will mean that the second-half's profits will actually be about 9 per cent lower than last year.

Egg prices crucial t Eastwood's fortune

By Bryan Appleyard

The egg price is now the key pointer to J. B. Eastwood's full-year figures.

Yesterday the company reported pre-tax profits down from £4.5m to just over £3m for the half-year to September 30 on sales up from £72.3m to £77.8m, and accompanied the figures with a cautious projection for the full year.

The position is that eggs, as usual, showed price strength up to Christmas and have since maintained that strength instead of falling off as they customarily do.

A 1p fall in the price of a dozen eggs can take £1.2m off Eastwood's trading profits in a full year, so the remaining months of this year are critical for the company.

A "conservative estimate" of egg price behaviour would point to similar profits in the second-half indicating £6m for the year but maintenance of the present price strength would bring the final pre-tax figure nearer to last year's £8.8m.

The main reason for the fall in first-half profits was the weakness of the red meat market. Profits from meat importing and wholesaling fell from £1.3m to £0.5m and from poultry, eggs, farming and building from £4.2m to £3.7m.

Little upturn is expected in the meat market this year and



Sir John Eastwood, c of J. B. Eastwood.

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Business appointments

Mr G C Kent becomes new chairman of Courag

Mr G. C. Kent has been made a director and chairman of Courage.

Mr Richard Greenbury has become a joint managing director of Marks & Spencer.

Mr Philip A. Lait has been made a director and chairman of all the companies in the Sterling group. Lady Plurenden has also joined the boards of the group companies.

Mr John H. Gabony, the Director of Manpower for the Port of London Authority will retire at the end of June. From February 1 Mr John McNab becomes joint Director of Manpower. Mr John N. Black has been appointed Director of Docks.

Mr F. E. Goosey has been made assistant general manager for the United Kingdom of Royal Insurance. From March 1, Mr Hogg, Mr F. B. Hughes and Mr A. C. Nunn become deputy overseas managers.

Mr Philip Robinson has joined the board of managing trustees of Municipal Mutual Insurance.

Mr W. Proudfoot, general manager and actuary of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, has been elected chairman of the Associated Scottish Life Offices. Mr J. M. Macharg, general manager and actuary of the Scottish Provident Institution, becomes deputy chairman of the two.

Mr Barry Barnett has be finance director. Mr Creates, sales director, M Paskell, commercial direc Mr Victor Williamson, p director of Waterlow (Lon

Mr David Shiel joins th of Laws Stores as buying

Mr J. B. Fullarton ha Huxford Group board as director.

Mr Jay Berry has been president of Airwick In Inc.

The Jardine Matheson G restructured its insurance interests in the United K A new operating company, Matheson Insurance Brok been established as the trading company, based in Mr Simon Keswick has chairman and Mr D. G. Ly deputy chairman and m director. Mr Lyon will con chairman of Thompson The following have also jo board of Jardine Matheson ance Brokers: Mr R. F. d nenll (Joint deputy chairm K. Brown, Mr D. E. Corl M. P. Dawson, Mr P. Ferg son, Mr J. W. Hayter and Monoghan.

ANZ Bank cautious on interest rates cut

Downward influences on Australian interest rates seem likely to predominate this year, according to the Australia & New Zealand banking group chairman, Sir Ian McLennan.

However, continuation of balance of payments uncertainties and or excessively slow growth in the money supply could limit the scope for significant reductions from present levels. Support measures by the authorities would probably be needed in the June quarter period of heavy tax payments, if there is no marked improvement in bank liquidity by end-March.

Sir Ian said that it was important that sufficient liquidity was available to ensure that competition for funds does not produce renewed escalation in interest rates.

But the banking group was optimistic that results in the current financial year would show an improvement over those for the year ended September 30, Sir Ian said. Economic conditions were difficult, particularly in Australia and New Zealand, but earnings so far this year had been satisfactory.—Reuter.

International

Chase Manhattan

Fourth-quarter operating profit of Chase Manhattan Corporation before securities transactions was $36.2m (about £19m) against $25.7m in the corresponding period. After securities transactions it was $37m.

Overseas net interest income was higher in the fourth quarter of 1977 than in the fourth quarter in 1976. This was because of substantially increased loan volume. However, domestic net interest income was lower in the fourth quarter of 1977 than in the fourth quarter of 1976 because of narrow interest rate spreads. Non-interest factors which contributed included an increase in other operating income and a decrease in the provision for possible losses.

Reckitt Aust ahead

Operating profit of Reckitt & Colman, Australia, for the year ended October 31 was $A11.50m (about £6.7m). This was against $A9.38m for the same period. Sales were $A137.40m against $A116.19m.

The company plans a one-for-three scrip of 10.91 million 50 cent par shares by capitalization from share premium reserve. The final dividend is 6.25 cents (7 cents) on the enlarged capital, making an unchanged total of 12.5c.

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MARKET REPORTS

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STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
...tralia 7¼ 1984	94¼	95¼
...tralia 8¼ 1992	96	96¾
...t. Mining 9¼ 1992	97¼	98
...p 6¾ 1983	99	99¾
...ways 8¼ 1992	96	96¾
...ner 9¼ 1992	96¾	97¼
...ish Gas 9 1981	101¼	102
...corp 6¼ 1980	95¾	96¾
...corp 7 1981	95	95¾
...IA 8¼ 1982	95¼	96
...IA 8¼ 1987	94	94¾
...8¼ 1987	96	96¾
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...8¼ 1987	97¼	98
...9 1988	101¼	101¾
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...West 9 1986	103	103¾
...Zealand DFC 7¾ 1982	95	95¾
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...Hovis 9 1992	94	94¾
...Reynolds 7¼ 1982	97	97¾
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...foreign 7¼ 1982	96¼	96¾
...Sterling 8¼ 1987	98¼	99¼
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...ien 8¼ 1987	95¾	96¼
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...er Kidde 8¼ 1985	97	97¾

FLOATING RATE NOTES

...banken 7¼ 1984	96	96¾
1983	99¾	100
...7 1982	99¾	100
...6¾ 1982	99¾	100
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CANADIAN DOLLARS

...1982	98¾	99
...1982	98¾	99
...1984	97¾	98¼
...Columbia MFA 9 1984	97¾	98¼
...1982	98¾	99
...Heller 9¼ 1984	98¾	99¼

DEUTSCHE MARKS

...1.94	103¼	103¾
...1.5.87	105¼	105¾
...Zealand 6¼ 1.5.84	106	106¼
...6¼ 1.9.89	102¼	103
...8.87 Hydro 6¼		
...1984	101¼	102

7% CONVERTIBLES

...Hean Express 4½		
...Foods 4½ 1992	78½	80½
...Foods 6½ 1991	103½	104½
...am 5¾ 1992	98¾	99¾
...Lm 6¾ 1991	106	108
...ation 4¼ 1988	75	78
...on 5¾ 1988	113½	115½
...Kodak 4¼ 1988	82	84
...Camera 5¾		
...1988	77½	79½
...1986	79	81
...Electric 5¾ 1987	79	81
...1987	106	108
...5 1987	108	110
...Western 5¾ 1988	74	76
...1986	84½	86½
...1997	86½	88½
...1997	91½	93½
...1992	103½	105½
...1987	73½	75½
...McDermott 4¾		
...Real Estate 6	154½	156½
...Morgan 4¼ 1987	94½	96½
...Penney 1988	98	100
...Penney 1987	76	78
...4¼ 1987	107	109
...Metals 5 1988	81½	83½
...Rand 4½ 1988	93	95
...1987	74½	76½
...mo Electric 5 1993	123	125
...4¼ 1988	76	78
...Bank of Swtz 4¼		
...1987	130	132
...Lambert 4¼ 1987	75	77
...Corp 5 1988	76	78

Kidder Peabody Securities

...cent Issues

	Closing Price
...City 8¼ 1986 (£100d)	£93¼
...City 13¾ Rd 1986 (£100d)	£101¼
...quet 10½% 1985 (£95b)	£30
...S.W. 25p Ord (10¾)	123
...im Reg Cncl 10½% 1983 (£99)	£97¼
...Arthur 25p Ord (83)	84
...est Wr 7½ 1982 (£1a)	£93½
...ens 13¼% 1985 (£98¼d)	£99½
...Hoare 25p Ord	104
...ry 10½% 1989 (£95b)	£95¾

	Latest date of ...	
...rs ISSUES ...mium		
...on Mtr(95¾)	Feb 24	24 prem
...nk Aust (A$1.75b)	Mar 10	43 prem
...n(103)		26½ prem
...Hosp Ord	Mar 13	24 prem
...k of Aust (A$1.75)	Mar 3	48 prem
...A.(56¼)		18 prem

...e price in parentheses. * Ex dividend ...ed by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £20 ... £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully ... £ 15 paid. h £85 paid. f £45 paid. ... Ltd.

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...n, Jan 16.—West German ... grindings in the fourth ...r of last year rose 6.7 per ...o 41,187 tonnes from 38,612 ... in the same period of 1976. ...year's total was 142,293 ..., a 1.2 per cent rise on 1976.

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Bank Base Rates

...N. Bank	6½%
...clays Bank	6½%
...solidated Crdts	7½%
...st London Secs	6½%
...loare & Co.	*6½%
...yds Bank	6½%
...don Mercantile	6½%
...land Bank	6½%
...Westminster	6½%
...minster Acc's	6½%
...nley Trust	9½%
...	6½%
...iams and Glyn's	6½%

...day deposits on sums of ...0,000 and under 5%. up ...£25,000 3¾%. over ...5,000 4¼%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

7/78 Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
27	Airsprung Ord	39	—	4.2	10.8	7.3
106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	—	18.4	13.2	—
25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
105	Bardon Hill	142	—	12.0	8.5	9.8
51	Deborah Ord	101	—	5.1	5.2	8.0
108	Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
120	Frederick Parker	140	—	11.5	8.0	6.9
36	Jackson Group	47	+1	5.0	10.6	5.5
55	James Burrough	112	—	6.0	5.4	10.3
188	Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
9	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
54	Twinlock 12% ULS	76	+1	12.0	15.8	—
51	Unilock Holdings	74	—	7.0	9.5	9.2
67	Walter Alexander	84	—	6.4	7.6	6.2

M.Y.DART LIMITED

Sporting goods, packaging, pyrotechnics

...e A.G.M. was held on 29th December, 1977.
...racts from the 1976/77 Report and Accounts and ...tements of the Chairman Mr. Sidney Marks, OBE:-

Group sales: 34% up at £12,692,000.

Pre-tax profit: 45% up at £1,706,000.

Gross dividends per share: Increased from 2.3123p to 3.30p.

Earnings per share, fully diluted: Increased from 8.83p to 11.18p.

...current year has begun well and if suitable oppor...ties occur further businesses will be acquired.

...he A.G.M. the Chairman said that the Group's ...% subsidiary in the U.S.A. has leased premises in ...England to undertake the warehousing, packing ...some local manufacture of Group products.

...es of the 1976/77 report and accounts and the special ...t for employees are available from The Secretary, Dart Limited, Mozon Street, Barnet, Herts., EN5 5TR.

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £658.50-59.00 a metric ton; three months, £672.50-73.00. Sales, 4,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £649-49.50; three months, £663-63.50. Sales, 600 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £660-60.50; three months, £673.50-74.50. Settlement, £660.50. Sales, 9,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £649-50; three months, £663-63.50. Settlement, £650. Sales, 1,400 tons.

SILVER gained between 4p and 6p in the May.— Bullion market (fixing levels):—Spot, 284.6p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent 494); three months, 262.5p (507.4c); six months, 246.2p (517.3c); one year, 276 6p (553.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 258.9-59.2p; three months, 263.6-7.1p. Sales, 56 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 259.1-59.5p; three months, 265.1-5.7p. Settlement, 259.5p. Sales, 58 lots.

TIN was easier, standard cash losing £80.50 while three months is £71 down.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,240-25 a metric ton; three months, £6,225-24. Sales, 550 tons. High grade, cash, £6,230-50. Three months, £6,250-80. Sales, 85 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,240-45; three months, £6,235-40. Settlement, £6,243. Sales, 1,090 tons. High grade, cash, £6,240-45; three months, £6,250-51. Settlement, £6,245. Sales, 10 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,700 a picul.

LEAD eased by £7.75 for cash and £7 for three months.—Afternoon.—Cash, £381.50-82.00; three months, £359.50-60.00. Sales, 2,000 tons. Morning.—Cash, £361.25-61.75; three months, £356.50-57.00. Settlement, £361.75. Sales, 7,400 tons.

ZINC: Cash fell £3.50 and three months dropped £3.25.—Afternoon.—Cash, £270-71; three months, £277-77.50. Sales, 725 tons. Morning.—Cash, £269.50-69.50; three months, £275.50-76.00. Settlement, £269.50. Sales, 12,100 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £103.25 ($199) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain (pence per kilo).—Feb, 31.2-49.5p; March, 49.50-50.05; April-June, 50.80-50.85; July-Sept, 52.60-62.65; Oct-Dec, 64.05-64.15; Jan-March, 65.60-65.70; April-June, 67.20-67.30; July-Sept, 68.70-68.80; Oct-Dec, 60.15-60.30. Sales: 16 lots of 5 tonnes; 240 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain. Spot, 18.50-31.75p. Cif, Feb, 31.50-31.50; March, 49.50-49.60.

COFFEE: Robustas were firmer, arabicas were steady.

ROBUSTAS (5 mt. metric tonne): Jan £2,020-25; March 1,842-43; May 1,760-61; July, 1,710-20; Sept 1,680-85; Nov 1,655-60; Jan 1,620-30. Sales: 3,450 lots including 31 options.

ARABICAS (5 per 50 kilos): April 225-25.25; June 210.40-11.25; Aug 205.75-05.75; Oct 194.50-94.90; Dec 183-85; Feb 175-82. Sales: 211 lots.

PALM OIL quiet.—Jan unquoted, Feb 270-80 per metric ton; March 270-80; April 260-70; May 260-70; June 260-70; July 260-70; Aug 260-70; Sept 260-70.

COCOA was easier, March lost £36.25 and May dropped £32.50.—Morning.—Cash, £1,700-1,704 per metric ton; May, £1577-77½; July, £1556-57; Sept, £1521-22; Dec, £1485-91; March, £1471-80; May, £1440-50. Sales, 3,419 lots including 4 options. ICCO prices, daily 150,000; 15-day average, 130,000; 25-day average, 142,250 US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were steady. The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £112, the "whites" price was £1 lower at £115.—March, £117.65-17.75 per metric ton; May, £125.15-25.25; Aug, £128.40-28.50; Oct, £131.25-31.50; Dec, £134.50-34.75; March, £137.80-37.90; May, £140.50-40.75. Sales: 1,184 lots. ISA prices: 8.56c; 15-day average 8.56c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was easier.—Feb, £112.50-13.00 per metric ton; April, £110.50-11.00; June, £109.90-10.10; Aug, £109.50-10.00; Oct, £109-10; Dec, £108-10; Feb, £108-12.50. Sales: 7 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 258-.310; May, 255-.6; July, 254-.57; Oct, 252-.80; Dec, 338-.92; March, 230-.43; May, 232-.47; July, 242-.47. Sales: nil.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "D" grade, afloat $475. Calcutta was firm. Indian spot, R5505 per bale of 400 lbs. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, £575.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent; Jan $84.50; Feb and March, $87. Tilbury, United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent; Jan, $81.50; Feb, $82; March, $82.50 f.o.b. Gulf/Atlantic coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French Jan, Feb and March, £141 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif United Kingdom unless stated

Commodities

Drought cuts coffee

Guatemala City, Jan 16.—A field survey shows drought has cut Guatemala's 1977-78 coffee crop to 1,687,000 60-kilo bags instead of the 2,506,000 bags forecast last July. There will be an exportable surplus of 1,457,000 bags, over 500,000 bags fewer than in 1976-77.

Wall Street

New York, Jan 16.—The New York stock market closed lower over a broad front with trading moderate, with the Dow Jones industrial average closing down 3.99 points to 771.74.

Some 905 issues declined against about 465 gainers. Volume was 18,760,000 shares compared with 18,010,00 shares on Friday.

Brokers reported a general lack of confidence among investors following losses totalling 55.44 points on the industrial index in the previous two weeks.

They attributed the relative slowness of trading in part to waiting for President Carter's State of the Union address later in the week and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York open market committee meeting tomorrow.

Some analysts expect the Fed to tighten credit again in part because of a sharp expansion in the money supply. Analysts add that evidence of a change in policy could soon become apparent.

However, today, the Fed's money market actions indicated it recently had raised its target rate on Fed funds to only 6¾ per cent and was holding the line there for now. It made three rounds of repurchase orders as funds went over the 6¾ level.

	Jan 16	Jan 13
Allied Chem	31¾	31¾
Allied Stores	19¾	19¾
Allied Supermkt	25¾	25¾
Allis-Chalmers	11¾	11¾
Alcoa	27¾	27¾
Amax Inc	34¾	34¾
Amerada Hess	29¾	29¾
Am Airlines	10¾	10¾
Am Brands	29¾	29¾
Am Broadcast	17¾	17¾
Am Can	24¾	24¾
Am Cyanamid	21¾	21¾
Am Elec Power	23¾	23¾
Am Home	36¾	36¾
Am Motor	5¾	5¾
Am Nat Res	14¾	14¾
Am Standard	28¾	28¾
Am Telephone	58¾	58¾
AMF Inc	16¾	16¾
Armco Steel	26¾	26¾
Asarco	14¾	14¾
Ashland Oil	30¾	30¾
Atlantic Richfield	45¾	45¾
Avco	14¾	14¾
Avon Products	45¾	45¾
Babcock & Wcox	19¾	19¾
Bankers Tst NY	44¾	44¾
Bank of America	30¾	30¾
Bank of NY	30¾	31¾
Beatrice Foods	23¾	23¾
Bell & Howell	13¾	14¾
Bendix	32¾	32¾
Bethlehem Steel	20¾	20¾
Boeing	25¾	25¾
Boise Cascade	23¾	23¾
Borden	29¾	29¾
Borg Warner	21¾	21¾
Bristol Myers	31¾	31¾
BP	35¾	35¾
Budd	12¾	12¾
Burlington Ind	28¾	28¾
Burlington Ntrn	30¾	30¾
Burroughs	64¾	64¾
Campbell Soup	31¾	31¾
Canadian Pacific	15¾	15
Caterpillar	53¾	53¾
Celanese	30¾	30¾
Central Soya	20¾	20¾
Charter NY	13¾	13¾
Chase Manhat	24¾	24¾
Chem Bank NY	24¾	24¾
Chesapeake Ohio	32¾	32¾
Chrysler	13¾	13¾
Chicorp	21¾	21¾
Cities Service	48¾	48¾
Clark Equip	30¾	30¾
Coca Cola	29¾	29¾
Colgate	20¾	20¾
CBS	34¾	34¾
Columbia Gas	22¾	22¾
Combustion Eng	35¾	35¾
Comwlth Edison	24¾	24¾
Cons Edison	24¾	24¾
Cons Foods	20¾	20¾
Cons Power	23¾	23¾
Continental Grp	31¾	31¾
Continental Oil	36¾	36¾
Control Data	36¾	36¾
Corning Glass	47¾	47¾
CPC Intnl	45	44¾
Crane	19¾	19¾
Crocker Nat	20¾	20¾
Crown Zeller	30¾	30¾
Curt Ind	24	24¼
Deere	34¾	34¾
Del Monte	28¾	28¾
Delta Air	38½	38¾
Detroit Edison	16¾	16¾
Disney	38¾	38¾
Dow Chemical	25¾	25¾
Dresser Ind	20¾	21¾
Duke Power	30¾	30¾
Du Pont	109¾	109
Eastern Air	6¾	6¾
Eastman Kodak	49¾	49¾
Eaton Corp	33¾	33¾
El Paso Nat Gas	15¾	15¾
Envillade Ltd	24¾	24¾
Exxon	26¾	27
Exans P. D.	15	15
Exxon Corp	44¾	44¾
Fed Dept Stores	37¾	37¾
Firestone	14¾	14¾
Fst Chicago	17¾	17¾
Fst Nat Boston	23¾	24¾
Fst Penn Corp	16	16¾
Fst Virginia	7¾	7¾
Flexi-van	41¾	41¾
Ford	41¾	41¾
GAF Corp	11¾	11¾
Gamble Skogmo	20¾	20¾
Gen Dynamics	41¾	41¾
Gen Electric	40¾	40¾
Gen Foods	30¾	30¾
Gen Mills	34¾	34¾
Gen Motors	70¾	70¾
Gen Pub Util NY	6¾	6¾
Gen Tel Elec	24¾	24¾
Gen Tire	13¾	13¾
Genesco	31¾	31¾
Georgia Pacific	30¾	30¾
Getty Oil	105¾	105¾
Gillette	26¾	26¾
Goodrich	20¾	20¾
Goodyear	16¾	16¾
Gould Inc	14¾	14¾
Grace	31¾	31¾
Gt Atlnc & Pacific	14¾	14¾
Greyhound	19¾	19¾
Grumman Corp	11¾	11¾
Gulf Oil	28¾	28¾
Gulf & West	11¾	11¾
Heinz H. J.	34¾	34¾
Hercules	31¾	31¾
Honeywell	31¾	31¾
IC Ind	19¾	19¾
Ingersoll	31¾	31¾
Inland Steel	24¾	24¾
Intrlk	30¾	30¾
Int Harvester	20¾	20¾
INCO	11¾	11¾
Int Paper	29¾	29¾
Int Tel Tel	24¾	24¾
Jewel Co	24¾	24¾
Jim Walter	31¾	31¾
Johns-Manville	24¾	24¾
Johnson & John	49¾	49¾
Kaiser Aluminum	20¾	20¾
Kennecott	30¾	30¾
Kerr-McGee	41¾	41¾
Kimberly Clark	31¾	31¾
Kraftco Corp	15¾	15¾
K Mart	13¾	13¾
Kroger	9¾	9¾
Ling-Temco	4¾	4¾
LTV Corp	5¾	5¾
Litton	24¾	24¾
Lockheed	11¾	11¾
Louisiana Stores	13¾	13¾
Manuf Hanover	31¾	31¾
Mapco	30¾	30¾
Marathon Oil	24¾	24¾
Marine Midland	20¾	20¾
Martin Marietta	31¾	31¾
Mcdonnell	30¾	30¾
Mead	21¾	21¾
Merck	54¾	54¾
Minnesota Mng	38¾	38¾
Mobil Oil	30¾	30¾
Monsanto	51¾	51¾
Morgan J. P.	47¾	47¾
Motorola	41¾	41¾
NCR Corp	31¾	31¾
NL Industries	16¾	16¾
Nabisco	18¾	18¾
Nat Distillers	16¾	16¾
Nat Steel	31¾	31¾
Norfolk West	49¾	49¾
NW Bancorp	30¾	30¾
Norton Simon	13¾	13¾
Occidental Pet	24¾	24¾
Ogden	10¾	10¾
Olin Corp	23¾	23¾
Owens-Illinois	38½	38¾
Pacific Gas Elec	16¾	16¾
Pan Am	3¾	3¾
Penney J. C.	34¾	34¾
Pennzoil	41¾	41¾
Pepsico	30¾	30¾
Pet Inc	10¾	10¾
Pfizer	25¾	25¾
Phelps Dodge	20¾	20¾
Philip Morris	43¾	43¾
Phillips Petrol	30¾	30¾
Polaroid	24¾	24¾
PPG Ind.	29¾	29¾
Procter Gamble	81	81
Pub Ser El & Gas	22¾	22¾
Pullman	27¾	27¾
Rapid American	23¾	23¾
Raytheon	23¾	23¾
RCA Corp	23¾	23¾
Reynolds Ind	23¾	23¾
Reynolds Metal	24¾	24¾
Rockwell Int	30¾	30¾
Royal Dutch	44¾	44¾
Sat Evng Post	14¾	14¾
Santa Fe Ind	34¾	34¾
Sc Johnson	37¾	37¾
Schlumberger	68¾	68¾
Scott Paper	13¾	13¾
Seaboard Coast	31¾	31¾
Segerstrom	13¾	13¾
Shell Transp	31¾	31¾
Signal Co	30¾	30¾
Singer	15¾	15¾
Sony	30¾	30¾
Std Oil Calif	30¾	30¾
Std Oil Indiana	30¾	30¾
Std Oil Ohio	63¾	63¾
Stanley Togs	15¾	15¾
Stevens P.	15¾	15¾
Studebaker Worth	15¾	15¾
Sunbeam Corp	15¾	15¾
Sundstrand	20¾	20¾
Sundstrand	20¾	20¾
Teledyne	15¾	15¾
Tenneco	30¾	30¾
Tesoro	13¾	13¾
Texas East Trans	40¾	40¾
Texas Intl	10¾	10¾
Texas Utilities	24¾	24¾
Textron	25¾	25¾
TWA	10¾	10¾
Trans Inc Corp	13¾	13¾
Tri Cont Inc	20¾	20¾
TRW Inc	29¾	29¾
Tyler Corp	13¾	13¾
Unilever Ltd	31¾	31¾
Unilever NV	30¾	30¾
Union Bancorp	19¾	19¾
Union Carbide	35¾	35¾
Union Oil Calif	25¾	25¾
Un Pacific Corp	40¾	40¾
Uniroyal	7¾	7¾
US Brands	13¾	13¾
US Industries	6¾	6¾
US Steel	30¾	30¾
Utd Technol	33¾	33¾
Wachovia	16¾	16¾
Warner Comm	30¾	30¾
Warner Lambert	20¾	20¾
Wells Fargo	30¾	30¾
West Bancorp	30¾	30
Westinghse Elec	17¾	17¾
Weyerhauser	31¾	31¾
Whirlpool	20¾	20¾
Wm Motor	4¾	4¾
Woolworth	19¾	18¾
Xerox Corp	34¾	35
Zenith	13¾	13¾

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	10¾	10¾
Alcan Aluminium	29¾	29¾
Algoma Steel	10¾	10¾
Bell Telephone	17¾	17¾
Commerce	27¾	27¾
Dome Petroleum	4¾	4¾
Falconbridge	38¾	37¾
Gulf Oil	28¾	28¾
Hawker Sid Can	6.00	6.00
Hudson Bay Min	18¾	18¾
Hudson Bay Oil	11¾	11¾
Imasco	20¾	20¾
Imperial Oil	28¾	28¾
Inl Pipe	13¾	13¾
Mass.-Fergus	15¾	15¾
Royal Trust	24¾	24¾
Seagram	35¾	35¾
Steel Co	20¾	20¾
Talcorp	11¾	11¾
Thomson N 'A'	31¾	31¾
Walker Hiram	13¾	13¾
WCT	33	33

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, three months, 1.9325 (1.9310); Canadian dollar, 1.9318 (1.9350); US dollar, 1.01 (90.97). The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 349.36. The futures index was 358.68.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 771.74 (775.73); transportation, 207.58 (208.17); utilities, 106.56 (106.63); 65 stocks, 270.20 (271.28).

NEW YORK Stock Exchange Index: 30-40 (39.57); industrials, 52.82 (53.01); transportation, 38.94 (38.90); utilities, 39.07 (39.17); financial, 50.12 (50.36).

1.30: Oct, $159.00-9.50; Dec, $161.00-2.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—March, 268-72c; May, 275-76c; July, 281-82c; Sept, 287-87½c; Dec, 296c; March, 306c. CORN.—March, 225-.225½c; May, 236½-37c; July, 238½-.2½c; Sept, 229c; Dec, 230½-31c; March, 238c. OATS.—March, 128½c; May, 130½c; July, 133c; Sept, 136½c asked; Dec, 139c.

Coffee gains 4.10c

New York, Jan 16. COFFEE futures in "C" contract closed 4.10 to 1.60 cents higher on light volume of 555 lots. Traders attributed the market's resurgence more to lack of selling pressures than to any concerted buying. March, 201.00-50c; May, 187.00-.25c; July, 176.65-.90c; Sept, 171.50-.25c; Dec, 159.00c; March, 152.50-.30c; May, unquoted.

COCOA.—Futures closed 0.95 to 0.50 cent lower. March, 143.15c; May, 136.15c; July, 129.30c; Sept, 123.80c; Dec, 120.45c; March, 117.85c; May, 116.10c.

SUGAR: Futures in No 11 contract were: March, 9.31-32c; May, 9.71-72c; July, 9.93-94c; Sept, 10.14-15c; Oct, 10.25-26c; Jan, 10.55c nominal; March, 10.80-85c; May, 11.05-06c.

COTTON: Futures were: March, 55.25-34c; May, 56.40-45c; July, 57.56-60c; Oct, 58.60-60c; Dec, 59.00c; March, 59.90-60.00c; May, 60.40-80c.

SILVER: Futures finished 0.60 cent lower to 0.70 cent higher. Jan, 498.10c; Feb, 499.90c; March, 503.10c; May, 509.20c; July, 516.90c; Sept, 525.70c; Dec, 534.30c; Jan, 557.80c; March, 844.90c; May, 861.30c; July, 859.00c; Sept, 866.40c.

Handy and Harman of Canada: Can $5.460. (Previous Can $5.584).

GOLD. On the Comex prices were up 70 cents and 80 cents. Prices on the IMM were off 10 cents to 70 cents higher. NY COMEX: Jan, $175.60; Feb, $176.20; March, $177.40; April, $178.70; June, $181.50; Aug, $183.80; Oct, $186.40; Dec, $188.90; Feb, $191.60; April, $194.30; June, $197.10; Aug, $199.90; Oct, $202.70. CHICAGO IMM: March, $177.70-177.80; June, $181.30-181.60; Sept, $185.10 bid; $185.40; Dec, $189.50 bid; March, $193.20; June, $196.80.

COPPER: Futures closed steady between 0.05 and 1.00 points down. Jan, 59.65c; Feb, 58.70c; March, 59.10c; May, 60.00c; July, 61.00c; Sept, 62.00c; Dec, 63.40c; Jan, 63.90c; March, 64.80c; May, 65.70c; July, 66.60c; Sept, 67.50c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Meal prices fell $2.50 a ton and Oil futures 0.45 to 0.20 cent a lb. Soya futures 0.45 to 0.20 cent a lb. Soya futures closed unchanged to 1 cent higher. Jan, $5.84; March, $5.85-.86; May, $5.83-.84; July, $5.80-.81; Aug, $5.64-.65; Sept, $5.46-.47; Nov, $5.23-.24; Jan, $5.21; March, $5.19; May, $5.17. Soyabean oil: Jan, 20.80-.76c; March, 20.70-.65c; May, 21.08-.03c; July, 21.15c; Aug, 21.15-.16c; Sept, 20.70c; Oct, 20.10-.15c; Dec, 20.05c; Jan, 20.00-.10c. SOYABEAN MEAL: Jan, $156.50; March, $157.00-7.50; May, $160.20; July, $163.00; Aug, $164.20-3.50; Sept, $161.50.

LME metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper up 850 to 641,325; tin down 80 to 4,355; lead up 100 to 66,675; zinc down 25 to 64.025; silver up 560,000 to 20,250,000 troy ounces.

BRITISH ASSETS TRUST

In period Nov 1 to Dec 15 holders of £4.49m 5 per cent convertible subordinated loan stock, 1973-98, said they would exercise their right on Dec 31 to convert their stock into 8.99m ordinary.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling lost nearly half-a-cent to the dollar yesterday, largely on disappointment with the December trade figures. The pound closed at $1.9285, compared with $1.9325 on Friday. However, the effective exchange rate index finished 0.1 up at 65.9.

Sterling was showing a fall of just 10 points ahead of the announcement of trade figures, moving in line with other major European currencies as the dollar improved on the reported Saudi decision to stick with the United States currency for oil payments.

The German mark eased from 2.1215 to 2.1225 against the dollar, but Swiss francs firmed from 1.9825 to 1.9740, and French francs hardened from 4.7250 to 4.7050. The Italian lira rose from 877.50 to 890.00, with some central bank intervention reported after the government's resignation. The Japanese yen cheapened from 241.50 to 241.25 in terms of the dollar.

Gold gained $2.75 to close in London at $175.375 per ounce.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 16	Market rates (close) January 16
New York	$1.9280-1.9290	$1.9270-1.9280
Montreal	$2.1090-1.1300	$2.1100-1.1200
Amsterdam	4.35¾-39⅛fl	4.36-.37fl
Brussels	63.10-.50fr	63.30-.45fr
Copenhagen	11.05-.12k	11.07-.08k
Frankfurt	4.08-.09¼m	4.08¾-.09¼m
Lisbon	77.00-78.25e	77.25-.75e
Madrid	156.30-156.70p	156.40-.60p
Milan	1682-.98lr	1685-.95lr
Oslo	9.80-9.92k	9.91-.92k
Paris	9.00-.11f	9.07-.08f
Stockholm	8.98½-9.03½k	8.99½-9.00¼k
Tokyo	460-70y	465-67½y
Vienna	29.25-.55sch	29.30-.40sch
Zurich	3.78½-.82½s	3.79¾-.80¾s

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was up at 65.9.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.10-.20c disc	.37-.47c disc
Montreal	.05-.15c disc	.25-.35c disc
Amsterdam		

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Challenging Opportunities in Brunei's New Colour Television Service

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Supervisory Engineer

Candidates should have a wide experience of video systems engineering and preferably be familiar with EMI type 2005 cameras, AVR2 Ampex recorders and Rank Cintel film scanning equipment. Working to the Superintendent Engineer he will be responsible for the general supervision of all television studio operations.

Two Training Officers

One officer will be required to train local staff in all aspects of audio operations in both radio and television, while the other will be responsible for video operations. In addition to wide experience in television technical operations, candidates with some teaching experience will be given preference.

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1.20 am, Westward es. 1.30, Thames. ll Were Here? 3.50, The Flintstones. 00, Westward Diary. 00, Treasure Hunt. 8.30, Dave Allen. 11.15, West Side am, Faith for Life.

Scottish

1.25 pm, Anglia Southern. 2.25, ATV. 3.50, Thames ials. 5.55, Nationwide. bout Anglia. 6.35, Dave Allen. 7.30, 10, Thames. 11.15, 2.15 am, Christians

1.20 pm, Calen- 0, Thames. 2.20, 0 Thames. 5.15, News. 5.45, 6.38, ATV. 9.00, 12.10 am, Police

Channel

1.20 pm, Border Southern. 2.25, Friends of Man. 15, Indoor League. 00, Bookstrand. ATV. 9.00 Bavaria. 12.10,

11.18 am, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Wish You Were Here. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. 7.30, Thames. 8.30, Dave Allen. 9.00, Thames. 11.15, West Side Medical. 12.10 am, News.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 2.15-2.30, Other People's Children. 3.00, Film as Evidence. 3.30-3.55, The Living City.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Propaganda with Facts.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Pro-Celebrity Golf, Sean Connery and Johnny Miller v. Henry Cooper and Tony Jacklin.
9.00 Spike Milligan in Q7.
9.30 Hussein—the survivor. King.
10.25 In the Looking Glass (new series), with John Fortune, John Wells, Madeline Smith, Carl Davis.
10.55 News.
11.05-11.40 The Old Grey Whistle Test with Gallagher and Lyle, Cado Belle.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.10, Mr. and Mrs. 3.50, Thames. 5.10, This Is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Thames. 11.15, Play the Game. 11.45-12.15 am, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Women Only. 3.50, Thames. 5.15 Wish You Were Here. 5.45, News. 6.00, Scene Today. 6.30, Country Focus. 6.35, Thames. 7.30, Thingummyjig. 8.30, Thames. 11.15, Reflections. 11.25-12.29 am, Police Woman.

Tyne Tees

12.00 pm, Thames. 1.20, North East News and Lookaround. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, The Odd Couple. 3.50 Thames. 5.15, Pyramid of the Flintstones. Man. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 11.15, The Dame of Sark. 12.15 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

12.00 am, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.20, Mr and Mrs. 2.50, Thames. 5.15, Professional Boxing. 5.30, Scotland Today. 6.30, What's Your Problem? 7.00 ATV. 9.00 Thingummyjig. 9.00, Thames. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20-12.20 am, Rush (r).

Ulster

12.00 am Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Mr and Mrs. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Friends of Man. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, ATV. 9.00 Thames. 11.15, Pro Celebrity Snooker.

Thames

12.00, The Wotsit from Whizz-bang. 12.10 pm, Stepping Stones. 12.30, Kitchen Garden (r). 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, The Stars Look Down (r). 3.20, Rolf Harris. 3.50, Couples (r). 4.20, Get it Together. 4.45, Magpie. 5.10, Sportscene.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Dave Allen.
7.30 The Streets of San Francisco.
8.30 Rising Damp (r).
9.00 Wilde Alliance.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Children of Aberfan.
11.15 Quincy.
12.10 am, Epilogue.
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Radio

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Kid Jensen. 4.31, Dave Lee Travis. 7.00, Folk 78.† 7.30, On the Third Beat. 8.02, Hubert Gregg. 9.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News. † Stereo

2
6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.00, Radio 1. 8.02, Soccer Special. 9.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Beat the Record. 10.30, Pranella Scales. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Weber, Saint-Saëns, Borodin.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Franck.† 9.50, Academy of the BBC: Handel, Tavener, Mozart.† 10.35, In Short. 10.45, A Late Mozart Quartet.† 11.15, Music for Voice and Harp, part 1: Purcell, Britten, Stevenson, Poulenc, Ravel.† 12.00, Reading. 12.10 pm, Concert, part 2: Greig, Schoenberg, Nordheim, Jersild, Britten.
1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Symphony Concert in Berlin, part 1: Baird, Mozart.† 2.00, Reading. 2.05, Concert, part 2: Dvorak. 2.50, Bristol concert: Milhaud, Schumann, Beethoven.† 3.45, A Little Light Music.† 4.45, In Memory of John Clough.† 5.15, Jazz Today.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Nation at Work. 7.00, Reading after Ten.
7.30, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, part 1: Beethoven, Bartok.† 8.15, A Self-Portrait. 8.35, Concert, part 2: Dvorak.† 9.30, A Dialogue on the French Revolution, by Maurice Cranston. 10.20, Leontyne Price (song recital): Heiby, Swanson, Argento, Bonds.† 10.40, Piano recital: Haydn and Beethoven.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.†

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up To the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Summer Holidays. 10.00, News. 10.05, Round Europe Quiz. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Play: A Little Arrangement. 11.35, Profile. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.20, Desert Island Discs. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, The Pickwick Papers. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story. Bulldog Drummond. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.30, The Burkiss Way. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Time for Verse. 7.30, Radio 3. 9.35, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, The Enthusiasts: Port Talbot Radio Amateur Society. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime. The Spy Who Came in from the Cold. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.6 am, Inshore Forecast.

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ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Electric Theatre Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Mediterranean Venture. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Dave Allen. 8.0, Charlie's Angels. 10.00, Thames. 11.15-12.15 am, Gibbsville.

Southern

12.0, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Housepary. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Survival. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, ATV. 9.0, Thames. 11.15, Southern News. 11.25, The Practice. 11.55, Weather. Epilogue.

Channel

1.20 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Wish You Were Here. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. 7.30, Thames. 8.30, Dave Allen. 9.00, Thames. 11.15, West Side Medical. 12.10 am, News.

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BAMFORD.—On Wednesday, December 21st 1977, to Carole (nee White) and Anthony, at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center—a son (Joseph Cyril Edward Bamford II), a brother for Alice Camille.

CHURCHILL.—On 12th January, to Stephanie and John—a daughter (Juliette), a sister for John and Gratia.

DUGDALE.—On Jan 16th, to Sophie and James—a daughter.

ELIOT.—On January 15th, at Shrewsbury Hospital, to Tisha (nee Parfby) and David—a son (Edward John).

FRASER-MOODIE.—On Jan 14th, at B.M.H. Bristol, to Christine and Alistair—a son.

HUNTSMAN.—On January 13th, to Annie (nee Vacher) and Paul—a daughter, a sister for Natalie.

HUTTON.—On January 12th, at Guy's, to Peter and Fyfot—a daughter (Caroline Elizabeth).

KLIFFE.—On 15th January, to Mary (nee Banks) and Joe—a daughter (Clare Megan).

OGILVY.—On 16 January, at St. Luke's, Guildford, to Maureen and Craig—a son.

RAITT.—On January 14, to Susan Nichola (nee Wesson) and David—a daughter (Alicia Zoe Wesson).

SCHREINER.—On January 15th, to Oliver and Berenice—a daughter (Jennie).

STEVENS.—On January 8th, at St. Thomas's Hospital, to Susan (nee Laws) and Nigel—a son (Simon Henry John).

SYKES.—On January 13th, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Paulina and Hugh—a son (Harry Peter Derek).

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MARRIAGES

ADAM: FAIN.—On 14th January, at Cawdon, Professor Robin Adam to Mrs Anne Fain.

BOURGIN: FRISBY.—Wedding took place between Edward, elder son of *Mr John Bourgin, OBE* and Mrs Bourgin, and Rachael, daughter of Mr Roger Frisby QC, and Mrs Margaret Frisby, on Saturday, January 7th, 1978 at Ealing Abbey.

BRIGHT: MICHIE.—On 14th January, 1978, at Colinton Parish Church, Edinburgh, between Colin Bright and Helen-Anne Michie.

GILLESPIE: GILBERT.—On Dec 29th 1977, at Aberfeldy, Perthshire, David Ballantyne Gillespie, elder son of the late Alan R. Gillespie and Mrs Jane Gillespie, of Aberfeldy, and Frances Clare Gilbert, only daughter of the late Reginald Taylor CBE, and Mrs Winifred Taylor of Sanderstead, Surrey.

SILVER WEDDING

ALLEN : TUCKER.—On 17th of January, 1953, Desmond Allen, R.E., to Norrin Tucker. Present address, 9 Alstree Hill, Bromley, Kent.

DEATHS

ABRAHAMS.—On January 13th, peacefully, in hospital, Harold Abrahams, of 43 Ormiston Rd., London, N.21. Funeral private. Memorial Service later—details to be announced.

BAKER.—On January 15th, 1978, at his home, 146 Wragby Road, Lincoln, Rev. R. P. Baker (Peter), aged 70 years. Beloved husband of Mabel, dearly loved father of Anthony, father-in-law of Rosemary and loving grandfather of Katharine. Funeral service at St. Giles Vicarage, Lincoln, for Church funds.

BAYLIS, HAROLD, peacefully, on *16th January. Deeply mourned* by his wife Vivien, children Jeffrey, Alan and Rosalind (Cohen), grandchildren, sisters, relatives and friends. Funeral, 11 a.m., 19th January, at Bushey Jewish cemetery.

BISSETT.—On Wednesday, January 11th, tragically killed, Alexander Elizabeth, aged 69. Much loved. Funeral today, 10.00 a.m. at 23 Melrose Road, S.W.18, thereafter to Putney Vale Crematorium, at 10.30 a.m.

BOOKER, DENYS. — On Friday, 13th, suddenly, at home, Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. Funeral service, 3 p.m. on 18th January, at Christ Church, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, followed by committal at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only.

BOSWELL.—On 15th January, Arnold Heath, at Dacre Cottage, Billingshurst, Sussex.

BOX.—On 14th January, peacefully at home, Susan Helen, of 23 St. Mary's Rd., Stratford-upon-Avon. Funeral service Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, Wednesday, 18th January at 1.30 p.m. followed by cremation. Family only. Flowers may be sent to A. E. Bennet & Sons, Stratford-upon-Avon, or donations to The Save The Children Fund.

BRADLEY.—On January 6, Ronald Albert Bradley, Squadron Leader R.A.F. (rtd.), in hospital after a short illness, beloved husband of Rosemary and father of Julian, Joel and Benedict. Funeral took place at St. John's, Tyrells, Co. Down, on January 8. Donations, if desired, to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

BRAND.—On January 12th, suddenly, Alec, of 14 The Grove, Finchley, N.3. Cremation at St. Marylebone Crematorium on Wednesday, 18th January, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers.

BROWNE.—*On January 15th, Alfred* Herbert Browne, M.M., aged 86, of 64 Hookfield, Epsom, Surrey. Beloved husband of Chrissie and dear father of Christine, Ian and Robert. General service to take *place at Randall's Park Crema*torium, Leatherhead, on Thursday, 19 January, at 3.00 p.m. Private flowers, but donations, if desired, made payable to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, may be sent to Mr W. Herbert, 13 Village Road, Enfield, Middx.

CANTRILL.—On January 13th, 1978, at the Royal County Hospital, Ryde, I.o.W., Wing Commander John Conway (Jack), R.F.C., R.A.F., aged 79, of 11 Queens Rd., Ryde, and late of Lancashire and Surbiton, Surrey. He, his humour and fascinating stories will be sadly missed by his family and myriad friends. Family flowers only, please, donations kindly to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Cremation Thursday, 19th, at 3 p.m., Whitingham, I.o.W.

CARTER.—On January 14, 1978, Marjorie Kelly, beloved wife of George and mother of Donald. Funeral Requiem at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Thursday, January 19, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Christ Church, St Leonards Fabric Fund, c/o Christ Church Rectory.

CLARKE.—On 11th January, at Salisbury, very peacefully, Brigadier Frank Scamander, late Indian Army, in his 85th year. Much loved. Funeral was private.

COSSTICK.—On Sun., 15th Jan., 1978, Elizabeth Cosstick (nee Gustafson), peacefully, in the Brompton Hospital, aged 55 years. Service at Southlands College, Wimbledon, at 2.30, on Thurs., 19th Jan., 1978, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, at 3.30. No flowers, *please, donations to U.N.I.C.E.F.*

CRAIGHEAD.—On January 5th, 1978, at Elgin, William (Jock) Craighead, 73 years, formerly of Dwingavie, Orchard Rd., Windsor, Berks, and late of London Transport.

DAVENTRY.—On 14th January, 1978, at 82, Swan Court, S.W.3, peacefully, Grace Zoe, darling wife of Viscount Daventry. Beloved by everyone. Cremation private. The (inner) will take place at Euston Church, Thetford, Norfolk, on Monday 23rd January, 1978, at 3.00 p.m. Flowers to Church or L. Faulkner & Co., 10, Whiting St., Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

DEATHS

DELL.—On 10th January, suddenly and peacefully, at Bond House, Minehead, in her 86th year, Greta Geraldine, dear wife of the late Rowland Dell and much loved mother of Rowland and Anthony.

FRAZER.—On 15th January, 1978, peacefully, at home, *Marlorie*, dear wife of Colonel Donald Fraser; funeral at Puddington Church, Tiverton, Devon, Friday, 20th January, 2.30 p.m.

GETTINS.—On January 15th, peacefully, Kathleen Winifred (nee Horner), aged 85, widow of Lt.-Col. J. H. Gettins, and formerly of Major F. E. A. Campbell. Beloved mother of Denis Bell and *Rosalind Campbell*. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington, on Friday, 20th January, at 2.15 p.m.

GLASPER.—JESSICA WEIR, peacefully at Bishop Auckland Hospital, on 14th January. Funeral, Wednesday, 18th January, 11.30, at St. John's Church, Merrington. Flowers to Hillcrest House, North Close, Merrington, co. Durham.

GORDON-SMITH.—*On January 14,* in a car accident in Thailand, Ian, Stephanie, Rachel and Mark Gordon-Smith, missionaries with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship at Manorom Christian Hospital. Called into the immediate presence of their Lord.

GRANGE.—On January 15, 1978, suddenly after a short illness, Thomas Peter, loved husband of *Christine*, father of Kate and Simon. Funeral private; please, no flowers.

GURNHILL.—On 15th January Michael Howard (Mick), suddenly at home on Sunday, dearly loved husband of Elsie and dear father of Liz, Sally and David. Funeral at 11.15 on Thursday, Jan. 19th, at St. Bartholomews Church, Wolverhampton. Flowers to F. Jennings & Son, Wolverhampton.

HEMING.—On 16th January, 1978, at Roddlends Hospital, Haddington, peacefully, in her sleep after a short illness, Margaret McLaurin Blyth White, dearly beloved wife of William Hendrie, 23 Division Ave., North Berwick, and devoted mother of Ian and William. Service at Preston Crematorium, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 19th January, at 2 p.m. to which friends are invited. Family flowers only, no letters.

HESS.—On Tuesday, 10th January, 1978, Adolphe, peacefully, in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in the early hours. Founded B. H. Corner Gallery and The Bertha Hess Museum. Loved and remembered by his wife Bertha and his daughter Mauricette. Burial at Golders Green Jewish Cemetery. 1 Long Lane, N.W.11, on Wednesday, 18th January, at 2 p.m. Cut flowers if desired.

HODGSON.—On Sunday, January 15th, Brigadier Edward Hodgson, O.B.E. late Welsh Guards.

HUNT.—On 14th January, at her home, *Ethel Vale, widow of Jack*, beloved mother of Anthony and Nigel. Service at Parish Church, St Margaret's at Cliffe, on Wednesday, 18th January, at 2 p.m.

JACKSON.—On January 14, peacefully, at his home in Swallow, Lincoln, Henry Joseph, M.B.E., aged 76, years formerly of Argentina), loving husband of Glad, father of Peggy, Pamela, Sonia and John, and grandfather of Diana. Funeral service Swallow Parish Church, Tuesday, January 17, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations to Men for Cancer Research to J. W. Varlow & Sons, 8a Chapel Street, Caistor, Lincoln.

JAGO.—On Friday, 13th January, Marigold June, beloved wife of Brigadier T. de F. Jago and mother of Serena. Service at Guildford Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday, 19th January. No flowers, please.

JARVIS.—On 14th January, at home, Anthea Audrey Isobel Bowring, third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. H. B. Shanning. Funeral private.

JOHNSTON.—On January 11, 1978, Emily Sophia, deeply mourned and always in the thoughts of her family, passed peacefully *away. Love from son, Sydney*, wife Elsie, grandson, Gary and Colin and their wives Mandy and Joan and great grandchildren.

JORGENSEN.—On January 15th, 1978, after a long illness, Robert Jorgenson, O.B.E., R.I., Dbg., dearly loved husband of Ellen and father of Beatrice and Anna. Service at the Danish Church, Regents Park, N.W.1., Friday, January 20th, at 2.30 p.m.

LAWSON.—Peacefully on 15th January, 1978, at Evershott, aged 76, Gertrude, beloved mother of Brian. Funeral on Wednesday, 18th January, at St. Johns Church, Evershott, at 2 p.m. Flowers to the church.

LE VINE.—On January 13th, Doctor P. L. (Andy) Le Vine, of Woodham, Weybridge. Dearly loved husband of Josie and father of Chris, Jenni and David; funeral data from G. Boutell and Son, 56 High Street, Byfleet. Tel: 45063.

LEASK.—On January 14th, 1978, peacefully at Scio House, Putney, Caledonia Maude Leask, R.N., aged 101. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday, 19th January, 1978, at 2.45 p.m. Cut flowers only to Maltbys, 215 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, S.W.15.

LEIGH.—On January 14, Myrtle, peacefully, beloved mother of Joyce and Virginia, and grandmother of Michael. Burial in Geneva, Switzerland on Jan. 17th.

METTERS.—On January 14th, peacefully, in hospital after a brief illness, Etta (M, M.), aged 74, dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother of the *Parsonage, Uffculme, Devon.* Funeral at Kentisbeare Parish Church at 2 p.m. on Friday, 20th January at noon. "Jesus put forth his hand and took her".

NYMAN.—On January 14th, 1978, very suddenly, Hindpreet Arthur, dearly loved husband of Eva, wonderful father to Michael and Patricia and grandfather to Juliet and Isabel.

PAUL.—On January 15th, Captain George Anson Monteriefi, at 17 Chifley Way, Lipbook, dearly loved husband of Jean and father of John and Colin, in his 82nd year. No flowers or letters, *please, donations to Cancer Research*, Cranmer at Guildford, on Wednesday, 18th, at 11 a.m.

RONALD.—On January 15th, 1978, suddenly but very peacefully, at the Manor Hotel, Blindhead, Janet (Nesta), beloved wife of Brigadier A. J. D. Ronald C.B.E., and devoted mother and grandmother.

ROSS.—On 16th January, 1978, at Ashford General Hospital, Middlesex, Barbara Morgan Ross, of Woodland St, Devizes, Jersey C.I., formerly of Bears of Dee, Glasgow and Rose Bay, Sydney N.S.W., beloved mother of David, Headwick, Ross. Funeral details later.

DEATHS

ROSS WILLIAMSON, HUGH.—Aged 77 years, fortified by the Rites of Holy Mother Church, on 13th January at home after a long illness borne with indomitable courage, husband of Margaret, father of *Julia and Hugh* and friend of many. Requiem Mass and burial 3.15 p.m. on 20th January at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Harrow Road, Kensal Green, NW10. Flowers, no wreaths please to John Bussey Ltd., 2 Berkeley Gardens, W.8.

SHARP.—On January 15th, at Lady Boys Prestbroad, Great Missenden, Bucks, Robert Hampton Sharp, F.I.P., aged 85 years. Dear husband of Barbara, father of Hilary, Ivor and Gillian, Founder of Sharp's Advertising, Mayor of St. Marylebone 1956-7. Cremation private.

SMITH.—On January 11th, 1978, at 18, Brittany Rd., Hove, Gordon E. F. Smith, Freeman of the City of London and Liveryman of the Drapers Company. Funeral private.

SPRAGUE.—On January 15th, 1978, peacefully, at St. Faith's Nursing Home, Cheltenham, Mary Letitia (Nanny) nee Green, beloved wife of the late Thomas Archibald Sprague, and dearly loved sister of Ted. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium Chapel, on Monday, January 23rd, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to the Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Secretary, Mr C. S. Trotman, 10, Ewlyn Road, Cheltenham.

SPRATT.—On 14th January, Helen Margaret, dear wife of Theodore Spratt, of 58 East End Lane, Ditchling, Sussex, and mother of Michael and Richard, aged 57. She gave a wonderful example of cheerful indomitability throughout much illness. Funeral at St. Margaret's, Ditchling, Thursday, 19th January, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Brighton. Cut flowers to George Hilton and Sons Ltd., 58 South Road, Haywards Heath, or if desired, donations in lieu may be sent to The Coeliac Society of the U.K., P.O. Box 181, London W.1.

STITT.—On 15th January, 1978, very peacefully at home, Ida Katharine (Kay) Stitt, nee Marshman, beloved wife for 53 years of Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Stitt. Much loved by her son Stuart and her daughter Sheila (Rutherford) and by her six grandchildren. Service at St. Ninian's Church, Blyth, on Thursday, 19th January at 2.15 p.m., thereafter to Perth Crematorium private. No flowers.

TERRY.—On January 14th, peacefully at Hampton Wick, Commander Rex Terry, R.N. (ret.), much loved *father of Jonathan and Jack*.

THORNELY.—On January 14th, peacefully, at nursing home in Yorkshire, Major Thomas Arthur Burnett Thornely, O.B.E. Cremation private.

WAIT.—*On January 11th, suddenly* and peacefully, at home in Colyton, Coast Road, East Preston, Sussex, Percy Reginald, M.C., aged 86, late of The Charterhouse *and father of Rex, Geoffrey*, Paula and Colin. Funeral Worthing Crematorium, January 19th. Family only. Flowers to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Little Hampton, Sussex.

WENTWORTH-SHEILDS, F.E. Peacefully, at Rochford Hospital on Friday, January 13th, W. F. Wentworth-Sheilds, Esq., M.C., greatly loved husband and father and valued friend. Private cremation at *Southend Crematorium.*

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ADAMSON.—A memorial service for David and Marilyn Adamson, Edward and Rupert, and Peter and Margaret Adamson, will be held at St. Michael's, Chester Square, S.W.1., on Thursday, February 2nd, 1978, at 12.30 p.m.

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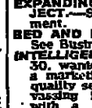
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Courchevel 1850 (double bed)	—

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